

NOTE: The following are various “snippets” from CSI: Deadly Intent (“Last Gasp”). This case involved the murder of a former T.V. star turned game show host. Her HUSBAND is an aging Hollywood Producer, grieved but stoic- he’s seen a lot in his time. RIVAL CELEBRITY is a legendary game show host, self-centered and largely unconcerned with anything outside of his career. -Ed

OPENING CINEMA

Establishing shot of hot tub area. A sign on the wall lists the hot tub area rules, courtesy of “Twilight Palms Rehabilitation Center Management”

The VICTIM is relaxing in the hot tub; a cover of steam obscures the water. An UNSEEN MAN approaches. She smiles at him.

VICTIM
(slurring speech)
Heeeeeeeey, you...

She moves robotically towards him. He kneels at the edge of the hot tub and gently puts his hands on her shoulders. Her expression changes- something in her partner’s eyes frightens her. A half second later she is shoved underwater by the man and drowned.

CUT TO:

JIM BRASS and DR. LANGSTON are at the scene. The hot tub has stopped bubbling. The Victim floats on the surface.

DR. LANGSTON
Who is she again?

BRASS
Clarinda Davis? Oh, c’mon. Don’t tell me you’ve never heard of her. She played “Gabby McAllister” on “The House Next Door”? It was on the air for something like nine seasons. Not a bad run, if you ask me.

DR. LANGSTON
I don’t watch television. I find that too much of it glorifies violence.

They look at the body floating in the tub.

BRASS
Right...
(looks at note pad)
Recently she was working out of the Silver Skies Casino, MC’ing the stage version of a game show she used to host called “Roomers”. It was one of those shows married couples go on to reveal all their dirty little secrets to each other. She was married to one Edward Goldvasser, a big time Hollywood producer.

DR. LANGSTON

What about security? Does the rehabilitation center have any video cameras?

BRASS

Negative. Twilight Palms has a “unique open door” policy. Being here is strictly voluntary. No cameras and very little security. We’re making the rounds with the other patients. So far no one saw anything.

Dr. Langston kneels before the hot tub, examining the body.

DR. LANGSTON

What a shame...

BRASS

Well, hopefully she got some nice “parting gifts” on her way out.

STINGER: TELL ME WHOOOOOOOOOOOO ARE YOU? OOOH OOOH! OOOH OOOH!

FADE OUT/FADE IN.

CRIME SCENE 01

The PLAYER arrives to find Dr. Langston photographing the Victim. The HUSBAND is at the scene. He is visibly shaken by his wife’s death but holding together.

Case File Updated:

VICTIM

“Clarinda Davis. Popular T.V. star and host of a stage show “Roomers” at the Silver Skies Casino.”

THREAD: Langston intro

CONDITION: Automatic

DR. LANGSTON

Good evening. I’m not very far along I’m afraid.
I could use some assistance processing the scene. Also, the victim’s husband is here. I was hoping you could interview him.

THREAD: Victim

CONDITION: Langston intro

PLAYER

What do we got?

DR. LANGSTON

The Victim is one Clarinda Davis, a popular television personality I'm told. This could have been an accident. Though the fact that she bothered to put on a bathing suit makes me want to rule out suicide.

THREAD: Husband intro
CONDITION: Langston intro

PLAYER

Excuse me sir, I'm from the Las Vegas crime lab.
May I ask your name?

HUSBAND

(strained)

Edward Goldvasser. I was in Los Angeles on business when...
when my wife had her accident. The police contacted me after
I landed here in Vegas. I came straight from the airport.

Case File Updated:
EDWARD GOLDVASSER

"Edward Goldvasser. Claims to have been in L.A.
at the time of his wife's death."

THREAD: Husband: Wife's Rehab
CONDITION: Husband intro

PLAYER

Mr. Goldvasser, can you shed some light on why your wife was in rehab?

HUSBAND

(strained)

The life of an entertainer can be difficult, especially for a former
child star like Clarinda. I have never known her during a time when drugs and
alcohol were completely out of her life. Recently her demons
had resurfaced. Clarinda was determined to expel them from her life,
permanently.

Case File Updated:
EDWARD GOLDVASSER

"Victim was fighting drug and alcohol addiction."

THREAD: Husband: Depression
CONDITION: Husband intro

PLAYER

Was your wife depressed?

HUSBAND

I understand the need for this line of questioning, but “no”. Our marriage had its ebb and flow like any other, but we were happy. There were some “personality problems” on the set of her stage show that caused her some stress, but nothing that could have driven her to take her own life, I assure you.

Case File Updated:
EDWARD GOLDVASSER
“Claims his marriage to the
victim was happy.”

PLAYER

You mentioned personality problems on the set of her stage show. Care to elaborate?

HUSBAND

Well not that it’s relevant, but Jack Schones has his own stage show at the Silver Skies, and he was none too pleased when asked to share the spotlight with Clarinda. He’d been making her life unbearable ever since she started.

Case File Updated:
EDWARD GOLDVASSER
“Claims Jack Schones was making his wife miserable at work.”
DRESSING ROOM UNLOCKED

THREAD: Husband: Los Angeles
CONDITION: Husband: Intro

PLAYER

What was your business in Los Angeles?

HUSBAND

In addition to being her husband I was also Clarinda’s manager. I was in Los Angeles calling on producers on her behalf. I’m a senior partner at production company there but have recently semi-retired.

THREAD: Husband: Jack Schones
CONDITION: Husband: Depression

PLAYER

Who’s Jack Schones?

HUSBAND

Jack? Why he's been on television for over thirty years.
He spent the better part of two decades as the host of "Stars and Bars".
That's the name of his stage show, now.

Case File Updated:
JACK SCHONES

"Jack Schones was the victim's work place rival."

THREAD: Husband: Milked dry
CONDITION: All threads at Crime Scene 01 exhausted

PLAYER

If you can think of anything else please give us a call.

HUSBAND

You'll notify me immediately after the autopsy, won't you?
I need... I need to make the arrangements, you understand.

MORGUE 02

THREAD: Recover body
CONDITION: Automatic

PLAYER

Clarinda Davis drowned last night while at Twilight Palms
Rehabilitation Center. Can we get someone out there
to bring back the body?

ROBBINS

Always go swimming with a buddy...
I'll call Dave, he could use the overtime.

FADE OUT/FADE IN.
HUSBAND IS GONE FROM THE CRIME SCENE.
The Victim should now have some post-mortem bruising on her shoulders in the shape
of a pair of palms.

THREAD: Book
CONDITION: Automatic once the Victim's body brought to the morgue

Robbins takes a photo of the Victim.

ROBBINS

One minute folks. I'm planning a coffee table book about all the famous celebrities who've made appearances on my slab. Did you know I autopsied Izzy Delancey?

DR. LANGSTON

Who?

ROBBINS

Nevermind.

THREAD: Cause of death

CONDITION: Victim's body brought to the morgue

PLAYER

What about cause of death?

DR. LANGSTON

Yes, was there water in her lungs?

ROBBINS

Ah... I see we have another "back seat pathologist" in the house. Good! Yes, water in her lungs indicates the cause of death was drowning. Also... I noticed some post-mortem bruising around her shoulder areas in the shape of a palm. You want my unsolicited opinion? Someone forced this poor girl underwater and kept her there 'til she drowned.

Case File Updated:

VICTIM

"Victim was forcibly drowned."

THREAD: Anything else

CONDITION: Body brought to the morgue AND one other thread exhausted: TOD, COD, OR DNA & Fingerprints

PLAYER

Anything else?

ROBBINS

Actually, yes. We found some semen inside the vaginal canal. The victim had sex the night she died- consensual. I took a sample for you. Hopefully it wasn't that "naer do well" Skyler with the leather jacket. I didn't like him at all for Gabby.

DR. LANGSTON

(confused)

Who are you talking about?

ROBBINS

It was as joke. You know, "Skyler" the bad boy from the "House Next Door"? ...He was always breaking Gabby's heart? ...He ditched her at prom! ...Oh, forget it.

Evidence added to inventory:

STEVE TAMPSON DNA1

"DNA from semen found inside the Victim"

Case File Updated:

VICTIM

"Victim had consensual sex the night she died."

DRESSING ROOM 03

The Rival Celebrity stands in the doorway to his dressing room. The side of his hand rests on the outside door jam, though his palm and fingers do not quite make contact with the wood.

THREAD: Rival Celebrity: Murder

CONDITION: Rival Celebrity: Intro

PLAYER

Mr. Schones, it appears as if Clarinda Davis' drowning was not an accident.

RIVAL CELEBRITY

You... you don't mean to say she was murdered?

DR. LANGSTON

I'm afraid that's exactly what we're saying, Mr. Schones. Now, can you tell us where you were late last night?

RIVAL CELEBRITY

At home, by myself, fast asleep. You don't get to be a legend in this business burning the candle at both ends. Chuck Barris would still be a star today if he'd listened to my advice.

DR. LANGSTON

I'm sorry... who?

RIVAL CELEBRITY

Come on now. Chuck Barris? The Gong Show? "Chuckie Baby!"
That's the problem today; no one knows their history.

Case File Updated:
JACK SCHONES

"Claims to have been asleep around the
time of the murder."

THREAD: Rival Celebrity: Enemies
CONDITION: Rival Celebrity: Murder

PLAYER

Did the Victim have any enemies? Did she fire anyone or
have a falling out with anybody at work recently?

RIVAL CELEBRITY

Not that I'm aware. Although...

(hushed)

now normally I don't like to repeat these things but I did hear rumors about her
and Edward, her husband. Apparently the marriage was on the rocks. Not that
I'm surprised mind you. She's Edward's fourth, you know.

Case File Updated:
JACK SCHONES

"Claims Victim's marriage was rocky."

THREAD: Rival Celebrity: Call me
CONDITION: Rival Celebrity: Murder and Rival Celebrity: Enemies

PLAYER

If you can think of anything else, please call.

RIVAL CELEBRITY

Of course!

DRESSING ROOM 10

Brass joins Dr. Langston and the player during the search.

THREAD: Rival Celebrity: Outraged

CONDITION: Automatic

RIVAL CELEBRITY

This is an outrage! Do you realize who I am?

BRASS

Jack Schones! Captain Jim Brass, Las Vegas Homicide.
I'm a huge fan.

DR. LANGSTON

Mr. Schones, we have a warrant to search your dressing room.

RIVAL CELEBRITY

What? You- you didn't tip off the press, did you?

THREAD: Rival Celebrity: Fingerprint

CONDITION: Rival Celebrity: Outraged

PLAYER

We have your fingerprint on a bottle of Florange found at
the scene of Clarinda's murder.

RIVAL CELEBRITY

We have those at our craft services table. It could have come from there.

BRASS

Do you expect us to believe that?

RIVAL CELEBRITY

Why not? It's the truth, isn't it?

THREAD: Rival Celebrity: Confidential Memo

CONDITION: Rival Celebrity: Outraged

PLAYER

Care to tell us how you came into possession of this memo?

RIVAL CELEBRITY

(seething)

No, I do not.

BRASS

We'll, maybe you'll feel more like talking down at the station. Jack Schones, come on down!