

Actress Stephanie Beacham feared for her life during a confrontation with a burglar | Entertainment News

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Stephanie Beacham feared for her life when she was confronted by a hammer-wielding burglar inside her home.

The 76-year-old 'Dynasty' star was left terrified in October 2022 when she came face-to-face with David Wilson, who had smashed his way into her London house and threatened her with a crowbar as he demanded she hand over her money and jewellery.

She has opened up about the ordeal in a new interview, telling Mail Plus: "He held a crowbar over my head, saying: 'Give me your money. Give me your jewellery. Don't look at me. Don't look at me'.

"And then he said: 'I wish you weren't here.' That was not too good because when I heard that I thought 'oh. In a minute, I'm going to die'."

Stephanie went on to reveal she was left cowering in her bathroom as Wilson ransacked her home and it made her think of Jodie Foster's character in 'Panic Room', who locks herself and her daughter away during a home invasion.

She added: "I don't know why I thought of Jodie Foster and what she does in that film ['Panic Room']. But do you know what I did? I picked up a sponge that was on the end of a plastic stick and I was holding it like some sort of weapon.

"I mean, what exactly was I going to do? Wash his face?"

Wilson was convicted of aggravated burglary and sentenced to 10 years and five months in prison for the break-in at the actress' home as well as another burglary at a house in Sheffield.

In a statement to Southwark crown court in London, Prosecutor John Traversi detailed the effect the break-in had on the actress, revealing she was left terrified and struggled to learn her lines.

He told the court: "What she considered her very safe and cosy cottage, she no longer feels safe. She found it very hard to learn her lines, she found it very hard to concentrate and without the support of those at work with her, she felt she may have had difficulty fulfilling her contract.

"She was frightened to return home, to a home she had always regarded as safe. She always considered herself strong, mentally, and this made her feel old and vulnerable."

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Burglar** // (noun): A person who enters a building illegally with intent to commit a crime, especially theft.
2. **Terrified** // (adjective): Feeling or experiencing extreme fear or horror.
3. **Crowbar** // (noun): A heavy iron lever with one end forged into a wedge, used for breaking into things.
4. **Ransacked** // (verb): To search a place thoroughly in order to steal things.
5. **Prosecutor** // (noun): A lawyer who conducts a case against a defendant in a court of law.
6. **Vulnerable** // (adjective): Open to physical or emotional harm; easily hurt or damaged.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term refers to something handed down from an ancestor or predecessor?

Option: Enduring
Option: Passion
Option: Legacy
Option: Inspire

2. What term is used to describe a first public appearance or performance?

Option: Competitors
Option: Undertake
Option: Postpone
Option: Debut

3. Which term refers to the art and technique of film photography?

Option: Regular
Option: Facets
Option: BAFTA
Option: Cinematography

4. What term describes the continuous flow of data for playback over the internet?

Option: Auction
Option: Bionicle
Option: Significance
Option: Streaming

5. What term is used to describe a person who commits burglary?

Option: Burglar
Option: Terrified
Option: Crowbar
Option: Ransacked

6. Who is a legal representative who brings a case against someone in a court of law?

Option: Vulnerable
Option: Diagnosis
Option: Competitors
Option: Prosecutor

7. What term refers to people proposed or formally entered as candidates for an award?

Option: Undertake
Option: Postpone
Option: Nominees
Option: Nods

8. Which term means to make as large or great as possible?

Option: Debut
Option: Maximize
Option: Facets
Option: Auction

9. What term refers to the point or line where one thing crosses another?

Option: Legacy
Option: Passion
Option: Intersection
Option: Inspire

10. Which term means to commit oneself to and begin (an enterprise or responsibility)?

Option: Burglar

Option: Undertake

Option: Terrified

Option: Ransacked

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. An individual's _____ consists of all that they have been given as well as what they have achieved.

12. The role of a _____ is to present a case against the defendant in a court of law.

13. In a business setting companies often analyze their _____ to strategize and gain a competitive edge.

14. The visual art of _____ is crucial in creating the mood and atmosphere of a film.

15. The elderly and children are often considered particularly _____ in certain situations.

16. Due to unforeseen circumstances the event had to be _____ to a later date.

17. To succeed in a competitive market companies need to constantly strive to _____ their profits.

18. The rise of online platforms has revolutionized the _____ of entertainment content.

19. The audience erupted in applause and appreciative _____ as the actor received the prestigious award.

20. Before deciding to _____ a new project it is important to assess the risks and benefits involved.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The motivational speaker's words of encouragement served to uplift and the audience.

22. The horror movie left the viewers unable to sleep peacefully for days.

23. The multi-faceted diamond sparkled in the sunlight showcasing its various and brilliance.

24. The rare artwork was put up for attracting bidders from around the world.

25. Collectors sought after the limited edition toys to add to their special collections.

26. Historians often debate the of certain events on shaping the course of history.

27. The antique spent years assembling a unique assortment of historical artifacts.

28. The burglars the house leaving behind a scene of destruction and loss.

29. Winning a Award is a prestigious accolade in the realm of film and television.

30. The artist's works continue to captivate audiences across generations.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Legacy 2. Debut 3. Cinematography 4. Streaming 5. Burglar 6. Prosecutor 7. Nominees 8. Maximize 9. Intersection 10. Undertake

Gap-Fill: 11. Legacy 12. Prosecutor 13. Competitors 14. Cinematography 15. Vulnerable 16. Postpone 17. Maximize 18. Streaming 19. Nods 20. Undertake

Matching sentence: 1. Inspire 2. Terrified 3. Facets 4. Auction 5. Bionicle 6. Significance 7. Collector 8. Ransacked 9. BAFTA 10. Enduring

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