

Stephanie Beacham was afraid for her safety during a confrontation with a burglar | Entertainment News

Description

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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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to B1 level, using straightforward language. Aim for 300-500 words."
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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 showing extreme fear.
3. **ransacked** // (verb): To search a place or container in a violent and careless way, often causing damage.
4. **convicted** // (verb): To decide officially in a law court that someone is guilty of a crime.
5. **sentence** // (noun): The punishment given to someone found guilty of a crime.
6. **effect** // (noun): A change that is a result or consequence of an action or other cause.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which word best describes how the homeowner felt when they realized there was a burglar in the house?
Option: Surprised
Option: Terrified
Option: Nostalgic
Option: Challenging
2. What legal term is used when someone is found guilty of a crime?
Option: Reunifying
Option: Convicted
Option: Homage
Option: Fulfillment
3. What is the process called where a person receives medical care to improve their health?

Option: Undergo
Option: Tribute
Option: Treatment
Option: Catharsis

4. Which word means to delay or put off to a later time?

Option: Crowning
Option: Postpone
Option: Insights
Option: Heartache

5. What word describes a state of being in equilibrium or stability?

Option: Void
Option: Balanced
Option: Persisted
Option: Companionship

6. How did the children feel when they saw their grandparents unexpectedly?

Option: Legacy
Option: Nostalgic
Option: Incredibly
Option: Surprised

7. What action do people usually take to make something known publicly?

Option: Announced
Option: Effect
Option: Diagnosis
Option: Legacy

8. What is the term for continuing to exist or endure despite difficulties?

Option: Challenging
Option: Persisted
Option: Diagnosis
Option: Homage

9. What might be the term for the act of officially crowning a king or queen?

Option: Reunifying
Option: Crowning
Option: Effect
Option: Legacy

10. What feeling does a person experience when they achieve something they desired or worked for?

Option: Homage

- Option: Void
Option: Fulfillment
Option: Tribute

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

11. The homeowner woke up to find a _____ in the living room.
12. The side _____ of the medication were not severe.
13. The doctor provided a detailed _____ after running several tests.
14. The peace treaty aimed at _____ the divided nation.
15. The two companies were fierce _____ in the market.
16. The founder left behind a powerful _____ for future generations.
17. The book provided valuable _____ into the author's life.
18. Losing a loved one can cause immense _____ and sorrow.
19. The absence of her presence left a noticeable _____ in his life.
20. Many elderly individuals seek the company and _____ of a pet.

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

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| 21. Looking at old photographs made him feel reminiscing about the past. |
| 22. The singer the song with such passion that the audience was enthralled. |
| 23. The memorial service was a fitting to her lifelong dedication to charity work. |
| 24. The new building design pays to the city's architectural history. |
| 25. The emotional movie provided a sense of for the viewers releasing pent-up feelings. |
| 26. His philanthropic work became his lasting remembered by many. |
| 27. The research study offered valuable into the behavior of certain animal species. |



28. Learning a new language can be a(n) yet rewarding experience.

29. Completing the marathon gave her a sense of accomplishment and .

30. Having a pet can provide loyal friendship and for those living alone.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Terrified 2. Convicted 3. Treatment 4. Postpone 5. Balanced 6. Surprised 7. Announced 8. Persisted 9. Crowning 10. Fulfillment

Gap-Fill: 11. burglar 12. effects 13. diagnosis 14. reunifying 15. competitors 16. legacy 17. insights 18. heartache 19. void 20. companionship

Matching sentence: 1. nostalgic 2. belted out 3. tribute 4. homage 5. catharsis 6. legacy 7. insights 8. challenging 9. fulfillment 10. companionship

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