



Stephanie Beacham's Life Threatened in Burglar Confrontation | 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 a 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. **Aggravated** // (adjective): Making a situation more serious or severe.
2. **Ransacked** // (verb): To search thoroughly or plunder.
3. **Confronted** // (verb): To face up to or deal with a problem or situation directly.
4. **Ordeal** // (noun): A very difficult or painful experience.
5. **Burglar** // (noun): Someone who enters a building illegally with intent to commit a crime, especially theft.
6. **Prosecutor** // (noun): A person, typically a lawyer, who institutes legal proceedings against someone.



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which of the following words means to make a situation worse or more serious?
Option: Confronted
Option: Ransacked
Option: Aggravated
Option: Ordeal
2. What is the term for identifying a disease or illness through examination of symptoms?
Option: Competitors
Option: Diagnosis
Option: Reunifying
Option: Prosecutor
3. Which word means to delay an event or appointment to a later time or date?
Option: Undertake
Option: Postpone
Option: Public-facing
Option: All-Star Weekend
4. Which word means to participate or become involved in a conversation or activity?
Option: High-energy
Option: Engage
Option: Delightful
Option: Festivities
5. Which term means to make stronger or more certain?
Option: Interactive
Option: Solidified
Option: Reservations
Option: Tailored
6. What word refers to the beginning or start of something?
Option: Auction
Option: Collector
Option: Inception
Option: Significance
7. Who are individuals or groups who are rivals in a particular contest or competition?



- Option: Maximize
- Option: Collector
- Option: Enthusiast
- Option: Competitors

8. What term describes a person who has a compelling charm or attractiveness that inspires devotion in others?

- Option: Reunifying
- Option: Confronted
- Option: Charismatic
- Option: Optimistic

9. Which word means something that is made or altered to fit a particular need or purpose?

- Option: Tailored
- Option: Delightful
- Option: Aggravated
- Option: Ordeal

10. What term refers to an arrangement where services are kept for a particular time or date?

- Option: Reservations
- Option: Burglar
- Option: Maximize
- Option: Confronted

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

- 11. A _____ broke into the house and stole valuable items.
- 12. The case was presented by the _____ in court.
- 13. The garden was a _____ sight with colorful flowers and a calming fountain.
- 14. She decided to _____ the challenging task despite the risks involved.
- 15. The peace talks aimed at _____ the divided communities.
- 16. The rare painting will be sold at an _____ to the highest bidder.
- 17. The company aims to _____ its profits by expanding its market reach.
- 18. He is a car _____ and spends his weekends at car shows and races.



19. The archaeologists discovered a relic of great _____ in the ancient tomb.
20. The dance performance was full of _____ moves and vibrant music.

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

21. The town was alive with music decorations and joy during the annual .
22. Surviving a plane crash in the wilderness was her greatest .
23. Basketball fans eagerly anticipate the annual for a showcase of top talent.
24. Their friendship stood the test of time and challenges.
25. The educational app provides an platform for students to engage in learning activities.
26. The leader's personality attracted a large following.
27. Being a coin he spent years amassing rare coins for his collection.
28. She made advanced for dinner at the upscale restaurant on Friday night.
29. The successful project her reputation as a top-notch manager.
30. His consistent lateness his boss leading to warnings about his job.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Aggravated 2. Diagnosis 3. Postpone 4. Engage 5. Solidified 6. Inception 7. Competitors
8. Charismatic 9. Tailored 10. Reservations

Gap-Fill: 11. Burglar 12. Prosecutor 13. Delightful 14. Undertake 15. Reunifying 16. Auction 17. Maximize
18. Enthusiast 19. Significance 20. High-energy

Matching sentence: 1. Festivities 2. Ordeal 3. All-Star Weekend 4. Enduring 5. Interactive 6. Charismatic
7. Collector 8. Reservations 9. Solidified 10. Aggravated

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