



Stephanie Beacham's Terrifying Encounter with Burglar: A Fear for Her Life | 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 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. **Burglar** // (noun): A person who enters a building illegally in order to steal.
2. **Confronted** // (verb): Faced or dealt with a difficult situation or person.
3. **Terrified** // (adjective): Feeling extreme fear.
4. **Ransacked** // (verb): Searched through a place in a violent and careless way.
5. **Convicted** // (verb): Found guilty of a crime by a court.
6. **Aggravated** // (adjective): Made worse or more serious.



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term refers to a person who commits burglary?
Option: Terrified
Option: Competitors
Option: Burglar
Option: Aspires
2. What term is used when someone is found guilty of a crime?
Option: Aggravated
Option: Freshman
Option: Reunifying
Option: Convicted
3. What is the term for identifying a medical condition or disease?
Option: Treatment
Option: Postpone
Option: Diagnosis
Option: Impressed
4. Which term refers to the end of the week typically Saturday and Sunday?
Option: Convention
Option: Burglar
Option: Competitors
Option: Weekend
5. Which musical instrument is often associated with strings and frets?
Option: Impressed
Option: Guitar
Option: Competitors
Option: Reunifying
6. What term is used to describe a number of events or items that are connected or related?
Option: Impressed
Option: Released
Option: Series
Option: Reunifying
7. Which term means to make a situation worse?



- Option: Aggravated
- Option: Freshman
- Option: Accompanied
- Option: Ransacked

8. What term is used to describe having a strong desire or ambition?

- Option: Aspires
- Option: Freshman
- Option: Ransacked
- Option: Competitors

9. What is the term for performing for a role or a chance at a performance?

- Option: Ransacked
- Option: Impressed
- Option: Auditioned
- Option: Convention

10. What term refers to setting someone free from confinement or custody?

- Option: Released
- Option: Accompanied
- Option: Freshman
- Option: Treatment

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

11. The victim was _____ by the burglar in the middle of the night.
12. After the diagnosis the doctor recommended a course of _____ for the patient.
13. Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting had to be _____.
14. She decided to _____ the challenging task despite the risks involved.
15. As a _____ in college he was eager to explore various subjects.
16. The artist _____ the kind words and support from the audience.
17. She was incredibly _____ before her first public performance.
18. The annual _____ brought together experts from around the world.



19. The CEO was _____ by his assistant at the important conference.
20. She was truly _____ by the level of talent at the audition.

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

21. The community was by a string of break-ins in the neighborhood.
22. The organization focused on families separated by conflict.
23. The company invested heavily in research to stay ahead of its in the market.
24. The concert featured an lineup of musicians from various genres.
25. The prisoner was finally after serving a 10-year sentence.
26. She the effort her friends made to surprise her on her birthday.
27. He for the lead role in the upcoming play at the theater.
28. The doctor made a detailed after running several tests on the patient.
29. The panel was by the young artist's rendition of the classic song.
30. The police apprehended the who had ransacked multiple homes in the area.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Burglar 2. Convicted 3. Diagnosis 4. Weekend 5. Guitar 6. Series 7. Aggravated 8. Aspires 9. Auditioned 10. Released

Gap-Fill: 11. confronted 12. treatment 13. postponed 14. undertake 15. freshman 16. appreciated 17. nervous 18. convention 19. accompanied 20. impressed

Matching sentence: 1. terrorized 2. reunifying 3. competitors 4. all-star 5. released 6. appreciated 7. auditioned 8. diagnosis 9. impressed 10. burglar

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