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Michael Stone – Still Waiting For Justice



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Nineteen years ago today, one of the most notorious double murders of the Twentieth Century was carried out when Dr Lin Russell and her two daughters were attacked on a country lane near Chillenden, Kent. Indeed, this crime is notorious for a number of reasons, it was one that appears to have been committed solely for the thrill of it, there were no real clues as to the identity of the killer (or killers), even though there is a living witness, and there are serious questions about the guilt of the man convicted of it. That man is Michael John Stone; he was arrested a year after the crime, convicted on the most tenuous of evidence, his conviction was quashed, and at a retrial he was convicted on even more tenuous, frankly ludicrous, evidence.



Lin, Josie and Megan Russell.

Furthermore, the forensic evidence that may yet clear him appears to have gone missing, there is a much more promising suspect, the now convicted serial killer Levi Bellfield, and the only witness against Stone at his retrial, habitual liar Damien Daley, is now himself **servng life for murder**; he was one of two men convicted of stabbing a man to death in a drug deal turned bad.



Michael Stone (Credits: Reuters)

You can read all about the conviction of Michael Stone on **this website**, and **this one**. There have been some outrageous convictions since, including those of **Omar Benguit** (also for murder), **Rolf Harris**, **Max Clifford** and Dave Lee Travis (all for imaginary crimes), but the conviction of Michael Stone for the Chillenden Murders remains a nadir for a criminal justice system that was once the envy of the world.

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