

DIGITAL EVIDENCE KIT:

THE MANSON FAMILY:
50 YEARS LATER



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DEAR DETECTIVE'S DEN,



In the 50 years since Manson followers committed brutal murders in Los Angeles, the crimes have taken on a tremendous role in pop culture. The shocking murder of actress Sharon Tate and her friends, as well as brutal murders of Leno and Rosemary LaBianca the following night were seen as a dark end to the “summer of love” and the innocence of the era.

Charles Manson himself became an object of fascination and even after his death in 2017 still has acolytes. How could a man that spent most of his life in prison seduce and charm people into following him and then committing murder?

To try and figure out how Manson operated — and why he appealed to young women in particular — I went out with the production crew that filmed the upcoming Oxygen special “Manson: The Women,” airing on Saturday, August 10 at 7 p.m. ET/PT. Producers conducted rare interviews with four key members of the Manson family: Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme, Sandra Good, Dianne Lake and Catherine Share (aka Gypsy) — none

of whom were ever convicted or connected to any of the murders committed by other Manson followers.

Lake testified against Manson and Share later renounced her involvement with the family and had plastic surgery to remove the X that she and other women burned and carved into themselves while he was on trial. Fromme and Good still speak glowingly of Manson and his belief system and the love and acceptance they felt as members of the family. All four give a fascinating glimpse into what lured them into living with him on Spahn ranch, and why they wanted to be part of the group.

As a member of Detective’s Den, we hope this digital evidence kit gives you more insight into these seminal crimes and the culture that created the family. Print it out and watch along.

Yours, *gina*

Gina Pace, Oxygen.com Editor





THE CULT

After being discharged from prison, **Charles Manson** formed a sex and drug-fueled cult known as the Manson Family. Some of his followers, who were mostly young women, committed a series of murders at multiple locations in July and August of 1969.

“IF YOU COUPLE THE DESIRE FOR INCLUSION WITH THE FEAR OF REJECTION YOU CAN GET PEOPLE TO DO ALMOST ANYTHING.”

- Nikki Meredith

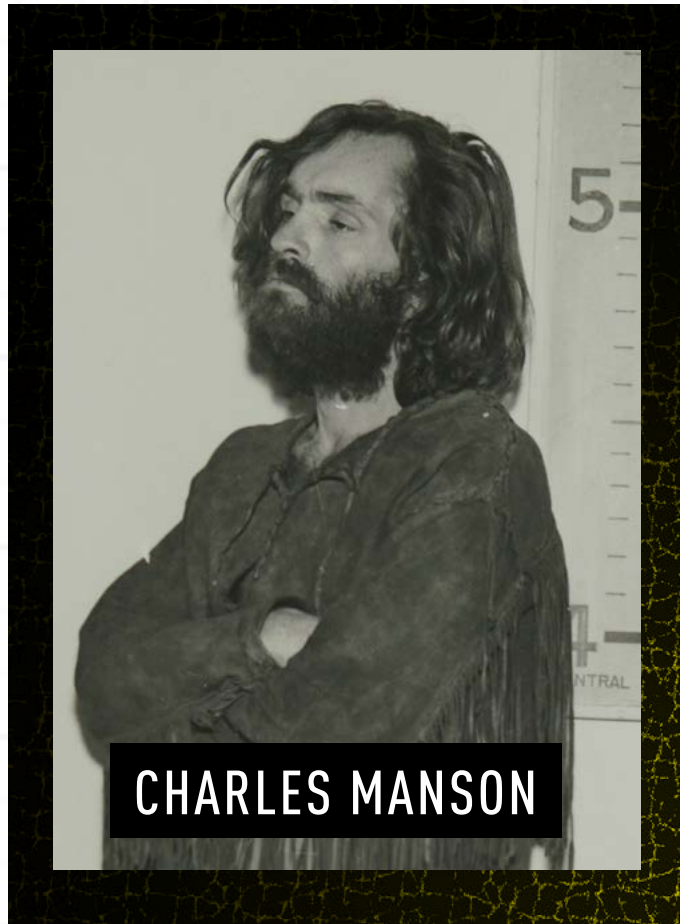
Author, *The Manson Women and Me*



Coroner's office personnel wheel the body of film actress **Sharon Tate** from her home in Bel Air, California during the summer of '69.

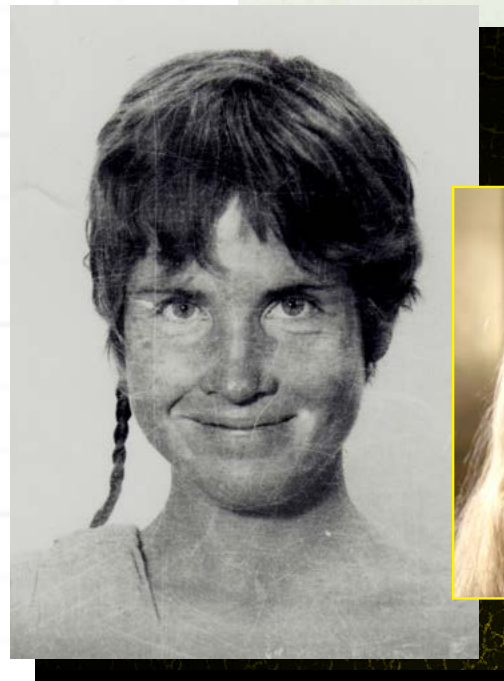


THE WOMEN



CHARLES MANSON

Criminal and cult leader.



SANDRA (AKA BLUE)

One of Manson's favorites.



CATHERINE (AKA GYPSY)

Orphan born in Paris.



DIANNE (AKA SNAKE)

The youngest follower.



Teenage runaway and the mother figure.



LYNETTE (AKA SQUEAKY)

* NONE OF THE WOMEN PICTURED ABOVE WERE CONVICTED NOR RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MURDERS CONNECTED TO CHARLES MANSON. *



THE TATE MURDERS

MOVIE STAR, SHARON TATE, HER UNBORN CHILD AND FOUR ADULTS WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE MANSON FAMILY.



House exterior.

PIG

A detective investigates the door at the crime scene.



The word "PIG" is found written in blood.

* CHARLES MANSON, BOBBY BEAUSOLEIL, TEX WATSON, LESLIE VAN HOUTEN, PATRICIA KRENWINKLE, BRUCE DAVIS, AND STEVE "CLEM" GROGAN WERE CONVICTED FOLLOWING THE TATE AND LABIANCA MURDERS. *

“THE ONLY REASON [THE MURDERS] GOT ALL THAT PUBLICITY IS BECAUSE THERE WAS A MOVIE STAR INVOLVED,”

Charlie told me, bitterly aware of this fact. Make no mistake, Sharon Tate is the reason that Charles Manson became infamous. The panic and outrage over her bizarre and horrific murder captured the nation’s interest, putting immense pressure on the LAPD to make an arrest. When the wild-eyed hippie guru named Charles Manson was revealed to be the architect of her demise, he was catapulted into a level of infamy few ever achieve.

- “Hippie Cult Leader: The Last Words of Charles Manson,” Chapter 11, By Buddy Day.





THE LABIANCA MURDERS

LENO AND ROSEMARY LABIANCA WERE SLAUGHTERED THE VERY NEXT DAY.



Rise



Death To Pigs



The word "Helter" was misspelled and referenced the song originally written and performed by **The Beatles**.

Helter Skelter



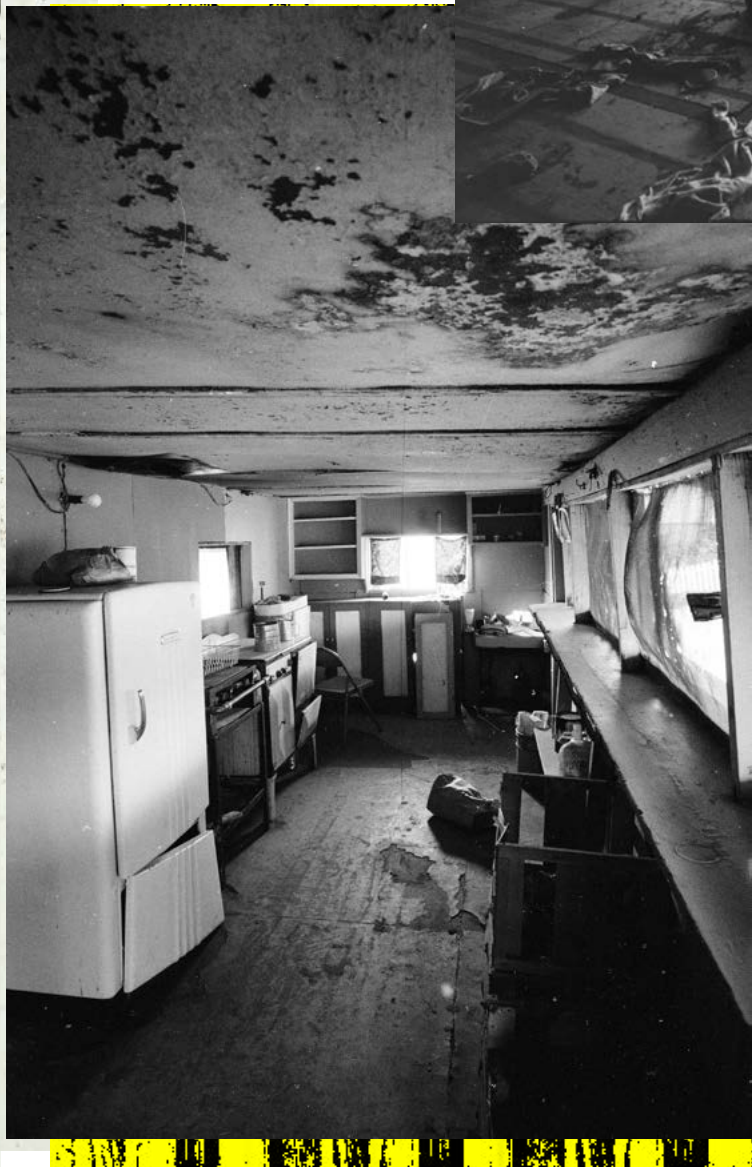
INSIDE THE SPAHN MOVIE RANCH



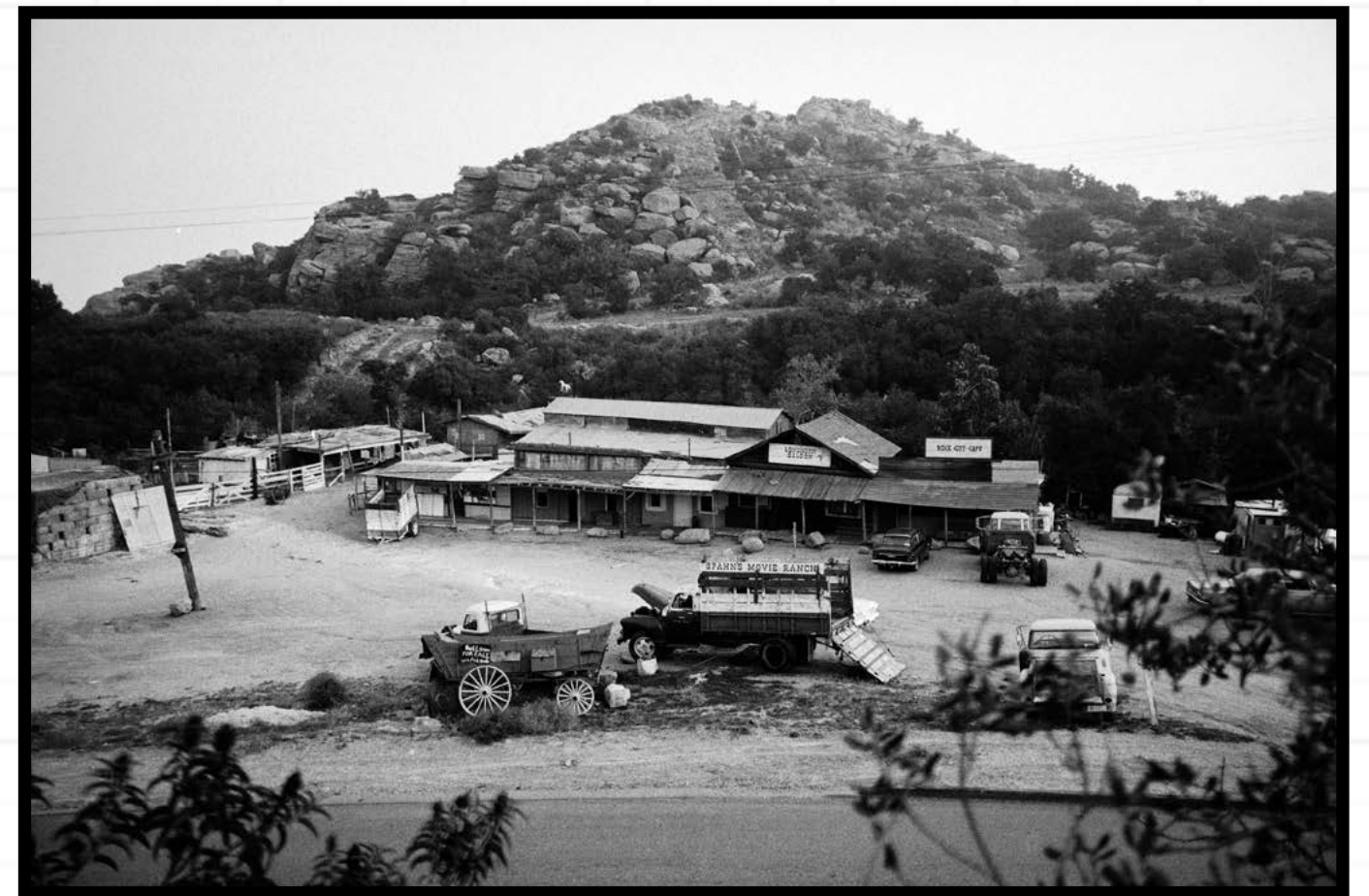
Interior of Ranch where Charles Manson's hippie family lived.



Abandoned truck on ranch owned by George Spahn.



View of the kitchen, where Manson and his followers lived from mid 1968 until Oct. 1969, San Fernando Valley, California.





THE CHARLES MANSON TRIAL



Manson is escorted by Los Angeles County sheriffs to a police van...



MANSON SITTING AT DEFENDANT'S TABLE, 1970.



...to the Santa Monica Courthouse to appear in court for a hearing regarding the murder of music teacher, **Gary Hinman.**



CHARLES MANSON FACTS



DID YOU KNOW...

1. Manson was married three times, and engaged a **fourth time**.
2. Manson was **cremated**, and his ashes were spread at a secret location near Porterville, California.
3. **The Beach Boys** asked Manson to perform with them in Texas in 1968, but he couldn't go because he was on parole.
4. Manson was a **staunch environmentalist**. He founded a charity called Air, Trees, Water, Animals. He was so committed to animal rights he wouldn't kill insects - despite being convicted for multiple murders.
5. Manson **escaped prison** in 1957 and was caught in the parking lot.