
Lamb To The Slaughter: The Trial Of Mary Maloney

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had thoroughly cleaned the crime scene, then even Mary's DNA wouldn't have been left behind. There was some other DNA left behind. On the back of the victims head, there was lamb blood. The leg of lamb was fed to the police, so it isn't possible to inspect whether the DNA matched with that particular lamb. Mary was persistent in getting them to stay and eat. When one of the men said, "Probably (the weapon) right under our very noses," one of the men thought they heard Mary chuckle in the other room.

Looking into Mary and Patrick's marriage, nothing seemed to be wrong. However, further digging found that Patrick was having an affair. The woman was interrogated, and it was discovered that Patrick planned to tell Mary about it that very night.

Mary exhibited suspicious behavior, had a proper motive, and clear forensically proved evidence. It is unknown whether the murderer was premeditated or not, but it is known, Mary is guilty in the murder of her husband, Patrick.