

# The tragedy of Millers family

In 1997, the Millers family faced a dark tragedy. The family lived in New York, the borough of Queens. The Millers had a big mansion, a housekeeper, a gardener, a private driver and were relatively rich. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Miller had only one child, named Ian, who was 8-year-old, when the tragedy took place.

One day the little boy decided to go outside and play. He was last seen on 5:30 p.m. January 13<sup>th</sup>, by the housekeeper, who claimed to smoke cigarette through the open window of the house, when she saw a dark hooded man talking to the little Ian. According to the housekeeper, she rushed to the playground as soon as she saw this strange encounter taking place, but when she reached the playground, the boy and the man were nowhere to be seen. The housekeeper immediately called the police. The gardener of the house claimed to be sharpening his scissors in the garage, and the driver claimed to be doing a carwash at the time.

That night, an unknown person placed a threatening call to the family, asking for 70 thousand dollars for Ian's life. The unknown criminal also insisted to not let police know about this incident. The person's voice was distorted, so there was no way to find out who the person was.

Police immediately took action to try and get the boy back. Later that night, the unknown person asked to drop off the money in various places in New York, but before showing up to the locations, the person called to Mr. Miller from a different number and pretended to be a police officer, asking to talk to his colleagues. Mr. Miller didn't consider the call too much and gave the phone to the police. That's how the criminal found out about Millers working with the police. The unknown person said "I guess you do not want to get your son back" and hung up.

The next day, a body of a boy was found in the sewers channel of New York. It was later confirmed to be Ian Miller. However, the tragic death of the boy didn't stop police from investigating and trying to solve the mystery. Investigators asked for the houseworkers to repeat the testimony. Only then investigators realized, that the room, where the housekeeper claimed to be smoking a cigarette, had an ashtray, however, it was sitting empty on a windowsill, with no sign of ashes from day before. And the car, which the driver claimed to wash the day Ian had gone missing, was dirty.

It was all clear now – the housekeeper lead the boy to the car, and the driver drove the boy out of the city. That’s why the housekeeper could immediately call the police without being suspected. The duo hoped to solve everything quietly without giving themselves away and with no police involvement. They hoped to get the money and give the boy back, but when the family involved police, the housekeeper and the driver brutally killed the little boy and dropped his corpse in the sewers, hoping that it wouldn’t be found until all the evidence was gone.

This is a massive tragedy for the Millers family and everybody, who knew them.

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