The Seattle Assassinations of Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes: A Case of Betrayal and Revenge

On the evening of June 1, 2011, two Filipino immigrants were gunned down in Seattle's Rainier Valley neighborhood. The victims were Silme Domingo, 39, and Gene Viernes, 45. Domingo was a community activist and the owner of a local Filipino restaurant. Viernes was a well-known musician and the leader of a popular Filipino band.



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The murders sent shockwaves through the Seattle Filipino community. Domingo and Viernes were both well-respected members of the community, and their deaths were a tragic loss. The murders also raised questions about the safety of Filipino immigrants in the city. In the aftermath of the murders, Seattle police launched a massive investigation. They quickly identified a suspect, a Filipino man named Michael Corral. Corral was arrested and charged with the murders.

During the trial, prosecutors presented evidence that Corral had been involved in a long-running dispute with Domingo and Viernes. Corral had reportedly threatened to kill Domingo on several occasions. He was also angry with Viernes for refusing to play at his wedding.

The jury found Corral guilty of both murders. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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The Victims

Silme Domingo was born in the Philippines in 1971. He immigrated to the United States in 1990 and settled in Seattle. Domingo was a hard-working man who quickly became a respected member of the Filipino community. He was the owner of a local Filipino restaurant called Silme's Kitchen. Domingo was also a community activist. He served on the board of the Filipino Community of Seattle and was a member of the Seattle Filipino Chamber of Commerce.

Gene Viernes was born in the Philippines in 1965. He immigrated to the United States in 1985 and settled in Seattle. Viernes was a talented musician and the leader of a popular Filipino band called the Gene Viernes Band. Viernes was also a community activist. He was a member of the Filipino Community of Seattle and the Seattle Filipino Chamber of Commerce.

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The Suspect

Michael Corral was born in the Philippines in 1973. He immigrated to the United States in 1995 and settled in Seattle. Corral was a troubled man with a history of violence. He had been arrested several times for assault and battery.

Corral had a long-running dispute with Domingo and Viernes. He had reportedly threatened to kill Domingo on several occasions. He was also angry with Viernes for refusing to play at his wedding.

In 2011, Corral was arrested and charged with the murders of Domingo and Viernes. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The Trial

The trial of Michael Corral began in 2012. Prosecutors presented evidence that Corral had planned and executed the murders of Domingo and Viernes. They presented evidence that Corral had purchased a gun and had followed the victims in the days leading up to the murders.

Corral's defense attorney argued that he was not guilty by reason of insanity. They presented evidence that Corral had a history of mental illness.

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The Aftermath

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In the aftermath of the murders, the Seattle Filipino community came together to mourn the loss of Domingo and Viernes. They also rallied for justice and demanded that Corral be held accountable for his crimes.

The Seattle Police Department also took steps to address the concerns of the Filipino community. They increased patrols in the Rainier Valley neighborhood and they worked with community leaders to develop crime prevention programs.

The Seattle assassinations of Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes were a tragedy, but they also brought the Seattle Filipino community together. The community rallied for justice and demanded that Corral be held accountable for his crimes. The community also came together to support each other and to heal from the loss of two of its members.

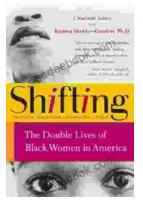


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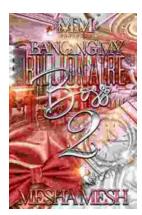
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