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Activity: Media Miscarriage of justice

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- understand the impact of miscarriage of justice with reference to a particular case.

Using the link below, complete questions 1 to 32 that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6fiGC88deA>

1. Who did Susan meet in prison?
2. Briefly describe the account of the murder.
3. Describe Susan May's relationship with her aunt.
4. What had happened on the night her aunt was murdered?
5. How had Susan reacted when she found her aunt?
6. What evidence was taken from the scene by the police?
7. How was the red car seen to be suspicious?
8. Briefly describe the evidence that was found at the scene but was never identified.
9. How many days after the murder did the police arrest Susan?
10. What was the reaction to Susan's arrest among the local community? Did this suggest she was guilty?
11. Briefly describe the evidence given by Susan's sister and explain why this may not have been accurate and should not have been used.
12. What were the three crucial points the police built the case around?
13. Why had Susan lied about her relationship?
14. Why did Susan use her local solicitor?
15. What evidence was missing from the trial?
16. What additional evidence could Susan have requested?
17. What sentence was Susan given?
18. What did the *Friends of Susan May* do?
19. What is needed for an appeal?
20. What happened in the first appeal?
21. What made Sandra Gregory realise Susan was innocent?
22. Who joined the campaign against Susan's conviction in 1997? What effect did this have?
23. What did Susan do in prison to help her get through?
24. Why was much of the evidence that would have helped Susan inadmissible in her appeal?
25. What was the significance of the stains and how had they been wrongly classified?
26. What is the difference between being interviewed as a witness and as a suspect?
27. What did Susan do in response to losing the second appeal?
28. How long did Susan spend in prison?
29. Was she ever found to be innocent by the legal system?
30. What has been the impact of prison on Susan?
31. Who killed Susan's aunt? How do we know this?
32. Why was Susan still working on the case?