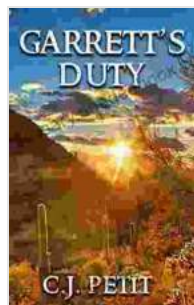


# Garrett Duty Petit: A Tragic Tale of a Promising Life Cut Short

## Prologue

On July 23, 2007, the quaint town of Cheshire, Connecticut, became the stage of a horrific crime that would forever shatter the lives of the Petit family and send shockwaves throughout the nation. Garrett Duty Petit, a promising and beloved 16-year-old boy, was brutally murdered alongside his mother, Jennifer Hawke-Petit, and his two sisters, Hayley and Michaela. The crime remains unsolved, leaving behind a trail of unanswered questions and a profound sense of loss for those who knew and loved Garrett.



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## Early Life and Promise

Garrett Duty Petit was born on May 13, 1991, to Jennifer Hawke-Petit and William Petit Jr. He was the youngest of three children, with two older

sisters named Hayley and Michaela. Garrett was an active and spirited boy, excelling in both academics and athletics. He was a member of the local Boy Scout troop, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Garrett was also a gifted athlete, playing football, baseball, and lacrosse. He was a natural leader and was always eager to help others.

## **The Night of Horror**

On the fateful night of July 23, 2007, Garrett and his family were home alone in their Cheshire residence. At around 9:00 p.m., two intruders, Joshua Komisarjevsky and Steven Hayes, broke into the home. They tied up the family members and subjected them to hours of physical and emotional torture. The intruders eventually set the house on fire, killing Jennifer and Hayley Petit. Garrett and Michaela were taken to a bank, where they were forced to withdraw money for their captors. They were then taken to a wooded area and executed.

## **Aftermath and Investigation**

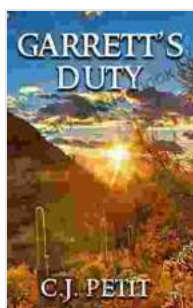
The Cheshire murders sent shockwaves through the community and the nation. An extensive investigation was launched, but no arrests were made for several months. In January 2008, Joshua Komisarjevsky was arrested for his involvement in the crime. Steven Hayes was arrested a few months later. The two men were convicted and sentenced to death in 2012.

## **Legacy of Garrett Petit**

Garrett Duty Petit's life was tragically cut short, but his memory lives on. His family and friends established the Petit Family Foundation in his honor. The foundation is dedicated to supporting victims of violent crimes and their families. Garrett's legacy also lives on through the countless lives he

touched during his short time on Earth. He was a bright, compassionate, and loving young man who had so much potential. His death is a reminder of the fragility of life and the importance of cherishing our loved ones.

The murder of Garrett Duty Petit is a tragic story that continues to haunt the nation. It is a reminder of the darkness that can exist in the world and the importance of protecting our families. Garrett's memory will forever serve as a testament to the innocence and promise that was taken from him too soon.



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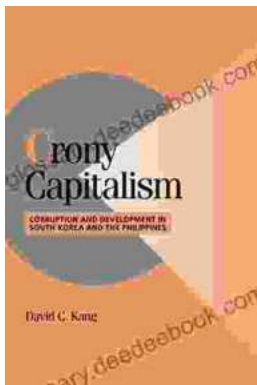
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