

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO JOHNNIE
JORDAN?

THE STORY OF A CHILD
TURNING VIOLENT

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Sugar County

How many Foster homes -
21 people (19 Foster case
placements)
between 8 and 15

Dr. Barbara Baker

J. R. Robinson -

Ros Wingate

He's now at least 19

Lorraine Saunders -
step grand mother

J. J. looking for
a mother's love

His sexually abused him
prostituted him

J. R. Robinson's
River Road Group Home
stayed for 2 years

18th Foster mother
Frankie Cooper
plotted to kill her -
hit over the head

Mrs. Johnson -
maybe from the P 142
cartoons or
something

Johnnie Jordan wanted money to
be interviewed
visited him in each of his 5 prisons

Mar 25 1 p.m.
crime: Jan 29 1996

Johnnie b. Apr. 28, 1980

Johnnie's mother - a prostitute
tried to dump him on Johnnie and Loraine Saunders
Johnnie goes on to have 7 children

14 Schoolyard
Manor
1997-2000

Children's Services ordered all Foster
parents not to talk to me for
a year after murder

200 foster parents in Lucas County
Ellen Jones - agency head forced to resign

29 minute confession - but her 10 times

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Pendleton - a black parole officer
not told J.J. was in juvenile detention for striking
a bus driver - then had to be restrained 124's
J. confessed to him in 8 minutes then called in Detective Lamb
& 2 black detectives

Found guilty of murder - ~~30~~ 30 yrs. life with parole after 30
aggravated robbery
" arson

plead - insanity

3 judge panel

signed a confession - confessed twice once to Pendleton
once to Lamb

Two lawyers Ron Wingate - black
Rick Meyer

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Mr. Johnson dies of cancer

J.J.'s baby girl

Wingate and Meyer worked 9 months on case

earned one or
two grand

Alan Konop rep. Mr. Johnson
earned \$60,000

won a million
dollars

agencies involved in J. case
foster case.
juvenile justice
mental health

Ross Correctional Institution →
4th Adult Prison

footnote - guards say prisoners are animals
Jennifer Tolt - saw prisoner pull pants and
slit girl friend's ~~long~~ throat

J.J. wanted money

collect calls

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Interviewed Jeremiah for
hundreds of hours both in
prison and on phone
I did not select J. because he was black

① All 19 Foster Families ask
not to talk to me

② Caseworker asked not to talk

③ Eva Holston

Without Lucas County Children's approval
got access to Jeremiah's files

He will let me hear tapes of confessions

Child Privacy Laws

Lucas County -
tried to cover up the
truth of what happened
to Jeremiah Jordan

Children have
→ a surfeit of guns, ^{cultural} violence, media and
lack of parenting.

all show trails ① severely abused
emotionally, battered, shamed and
humiliated

Johnnie killed not for power but an attempt to
take control

first step in my opinion - anger management
today managed care leads to feeling no one cares

House Bill 173 - The Right to Know Law or
Johnnie Jordan Law - must tell Foster
Parents of previous record

House Bill 332 - training for Foster Parents
fundamental problem - no one system designed to help
people like J. Jordan.

Competition among the different services - a problem

Ellen Jones Plan -
parents get \$13 a day for foster care

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