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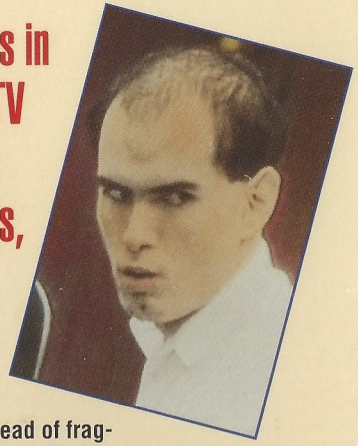

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California v. Bardo

Only 21 years old, Rebecca Schaeffer seemed to be living the Hollywood dream. She was already the co-star of the late 1980s TV series *My Sister Sam,* and was scheduled to audition for Francis Ford Coppola's *Godfather III.* But her dream shattered into a fatal nightmare on the very day of that audition, when she came face to face with one of her most devoted fans – and he shot her dead. Until that day, Robert John Bardo's obsession with the young actress had manifested itself in countless fan letters and unsuccessful attempts to bring her gifts at Warner Bros. Studios. Now, with the help of a private detective, he had hunted down her home address and was intent on meeting her. But was he intent on *killing* her that day? Bardo's lawyer says no. The tangled issues of insanity, criminal responsibility and obsession are scrutinized throughout this trial, which attempts to answer the question: Was it madness or premeditation that ended Rebecca Schaeffer's life?

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California v. Broderick

In the divorce settlement between San Diego socialites Dan and Betty Broderick, she claims he took the kids, the money and the house. Seven months later, Betty took her ex-husband's life.
In this high-profile murder case, which was dramatized in two network TV movies, the prosecution portrays Betty Broderick as a domineering and vengeful wife who could never accept the failure of her marriage. The defense contends that Dan, through years of physical and mental abuse, left his ex-wife hopelessly depressed. Betty says she planned to take her *own* life, not *his*, when she stole into Dan and his new wife's home before dawn that November morning. Was Betty Broderick's plan to commit suicide in front of an audience that had driven her to it, or to "blow away" two people she hated, as the prosecution claims? Child must testify against parent, and friend against friend, before the jury can reach its verdict.

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