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The Blonde Bombshell

The murder of Marilyn Monroe remains one of Hollywood's most compelling, and unforgettable mysteries of all time. Norma Jeane Baker, or more commonly known to the world as "Marilyn Monroe," was born on June 1st, 1926, in Los Angeles, California. She started her career as a model for "Blue Book Modelling Agency" in California, and an actress for Twentieth Century Fox, in which she appeared in popular movies, such as "*Some Like It Hot*," and "*The Misfits*." In the early hours of August 5, 1962, Marilyn Monroe's dead body was found in her Los Angeles home, on 12305 Fifth Helena Drive; lying nude with a bottle of pills in one hand, and a telephone in the other. Many investigators ruled her death as a "possible suicide," but to this day, almost forty years later, many controversies are in play stating she died from something other than an accidental overdose. As befits a Hollywood legend, the last day of Marilyn Monroe's life is shrouded in mystery. Many people, then and now, do not believe that Marilyn died from an overdose, but instead from either being murdered by Bobby and John Kennedy, a possible lethal injection to the heart by Dr. Ralph Greenson, or even from a possible Mafia hit.

First and foremost, a conspiracy surrounding Marilyn Monroe's death was not that she died from an overdose, but rather a murder orchestrated by Bobby and John Kennedy to silence her. It was said that she was going to reveal all the dirty Kennedy family secrets that she kept logged in a little red diary, "The little red diary contained everything about the love affairs Marilyn carried out with various men, and would get many people into a lot of trouble, if released to the world" (Friedel par. 2). The fear of having the dirty Kennedy family secrets

surfaced to the world was too much for the family to handle, so to stop her from doing so, Bobby and John resorted to murdering her before she was given the chance. They wanted nothing more than to protect their family, but more importantly, John wanted to remain as President of the United States at the time, and did not want anything to jeopardize his chances of losing his presidency, "...Although it is stated that the Kennedy brothers murdered Marilyn, there was no physical proof confirming that they did" (Staff par. 6). On the night of her death, it was said Marilyn was in her bedroom alone, and there was no possible way that anyone could have gotten into the house, to perform a murder. Many of the police officers involved in her death did not find any traces of DNA, such as hair, or skin particles in, or around the room of Marilyn. From the lack of evidence, it is proven that the Kennedy brothers did not murder Marilyn, and she had in fact died from different circumstances.

Secondly, as another conspiracy states, on the night of August 5, 1962, Marilyn's psychiatrist, Dr. Ralph Greenson killed Marilyn with a fatal injection of pentobarbital to her heart. According to this theory, he administered the fatal dose under the presence of himself, "Scandalous assumptions were made stating Dr. Greenson was having an affair with his patient and, terrified of being unmasked, administered a lethal injection to ensure she would not reveal their love affair..." (Lynch par. 15). This evidence supports that the two had an affair in the early summer of 1962, and many can understand the fear of having a secret as large as that, revealed, "Around the time of 3:30 A.M. on August 5, 1962, Marilyn's housekeeper, Eunice Murray had waken to find Marilyn's bedroom light on and her door locked" (Lurdic par. 3). Not being able to open Marilyn's bedroom door was the first sign that something bad had happened, so Eunice had called Marilyn's psychiatrist, Dr. Greenson, who later broke a window to reach Marilyn in her bedroom. He had found Marilyn lying nude on her bed with an empty bottle of pills

prescribed for her depression in her hand. Although, many people believe the main cause of Marilyn's death was an injection to the heart, there is no scientifically proven evidence stating so. An autopsy conducted by Dr. Thomas Noguchi hours after her death, did not reveal any needle wounds from any sort of injection, or physical harm to her body, for that matter (Welkos par. 5). From this evidence, it can be concluded that Marilyn did not die from a lethal injection to the heart, but died from something else, possibly much worse.

Last, but not least, a third conspiracy surrounding the death of Marilyn Monroe describes that she was murdered by the Mafia, in order to protect the President of the United States at the time, John F. Kennedy. Marilyn was murdered by the mafia in a revenge slaying that was designed to discredit her lover, Bobby Kennedy, "The killing is said to have been masterminded by American Union leader, Jimmy Hoffa, and Chicago mafia boss, Sam Giancana" (Johnston par. 2). It was known that Bobby Kennedy had a tough time comprehending the fact that Marilyn had broken up with him, and went into a phase of depression; which is why people believe the Mafia and Bobby had murdered her on the night of August 5, 1962. Despite the fact that people believe the Mafia was one of the main theories of Marilyn's death, there was no trace of evidence that the Mafia were the ones who forcefully gave the pills to Marilyn, in order to kill her; rather, it is more possible she took them herself, "At the time, Dr. Thomas Noguchi, Los Angeles Deputy Medical Examiner, found 8 MG of chloral hydrate and 4.5 MG of Nembutal barbiturate sleeping tablets in Monroe's blood. Although she had taken enough nembutal and chloral hydrate to kill nearly fifteen people, no trace of tablets were found in her stomach, only her blood stream. The suspicion is that the drugs were given to her as an enema" (Bennish par. 9). If any harm was done to Marilyn's body, it was not present at the time of the autopsy, which was conducted hours after her death. The scientific evidence demonstrates that the pills were not

forcefully given to her (Barcella par. 6). Another important fact that confirms the Mafia were not the ones who killed Marilyn, is that no physical evidence (captured by photo or video) had surfaced to the world, proving they murdered Marilyn on the night of August 5. Without physical evidence, it is impossible to accuse someone of something, as stated in many court rooms worldwide.

In the final analysis, there are many unsolved conspiracy theories about the death of Marilyn Monroe. A significant amount of people believe Marilyn was murdered by the Kennedy brothers in the early hours of August 5, 1962, due to the fact that there was no physical evidence proving they killed Marilyn, it is unfair to say they did. Many scientists in the Brentwood area of California, believe that Dr. Greenson gave her a lethal injection to the heart, to silence her from their past love affairs. Autopsies taken hours after her death did not reveal any signs of injections to her body, which reveal that Dr. Greenson could not have injected anything to her heart. Lastly, many believe that she was a victim of the mafia hit, due to her “sexual icon status.” Although, this may be true, there again is no evidence proving the mafia was after her at all. The only evidence the world has that proves the death of Marilyn Monroe is the fact that many empty pill bottles were found on her bedside table, on the night she had died. There are many beliefs about her death, but no one has enough evidence or facts to conclude which theory is correct. To this day, nobody knows the true reason behind her death, and perhaps the world may never find out. Four decades have passed since Marilyn Monroe has left the face of the Earth, and still, she remains a major cultural icon. The unknown details of her final days only add to her mystique.

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