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**ABC AUDIO FIVE-EPISODE NARRATIVE PODCAST SERIES,  
'THE KING ROAD KILLINGS: AN IDAHO MURDER MYSTERY,'  
LAUNCHES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

**Series Hosted by ABC News Correspondent Kayna Whitworth and Features Unparalleled Access and Reporting on the Murders of Four University of Idaho Students as Scheduled Hearing for the Suspect Approaches**

**20th Television to Develop Podcast as Series**

**ABC News' '20/20' Plans Continued Coverage**



ABC Audio\*

**ABC News** announced today the new narrative podcast series from ABC Audio, “**The King Road Killings: An Idaho Murder Mystery,**” will launch **Wednesday, June 7**, with new episodes dropping weekly. The five-episode series hosted by ABC News correspondent **Kayna Whitworth** covers the brutal murders of four University of Idaho students who were stabbed to death in their off-campus house on King Road in Moscow, Idaho. Whitworth brings listeners behind the scenes as she investigates the savage murders that captivated and horrified the nation in the winter of 2022-2023. The immersive, deeply reported podcast series will detail the night of the murders and profile the victims — Ethan Chapin, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle and Kaylee Goncalves — taking a close look at why these students might have been targeted and how fear can grip a town especially when little information comes from law enforcement. The final two episodes will include real-time updates from investigators revealed in the preliminary hearing for the accused murderer scheduled for this summer.

Whitworth spent six weeks on the ground in Moscow, Idaho, reporting on the murders. Her commitment earned her a deep level of trust with those who knew the victims and law enforcement, leading to her booking the first interview with Moscow's chief of police, who led the investigation.

"Kayna was in Idaho as soon as the news broke and stayed long after the murders happened, so she could truly understand the community and the affected families," said Laura Mayer, executive producer of podcast programming for ABC Audio. "While this series will delve into the details of the murders and the potential motivations of the alleged suspect, using never-before-heard reporting, this won't be your typical true-crime podcast. Kayna will tell this story through a personal and uniquely human lens."

**20th Television**, a part of Disney Television Studios, is developing the podcast as a limited series. Development on this project follows the highly successful run of the Hulu Original limited series "The Dropout," from Searchlight Television and 20th Television based on the award-winning ABC Audio podcast produced and hosted by Rebecca Jarvis. The award-winning limited series from Liz Meriwether received multiple Emmy nominations, including a win for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series for star Amanda Seyfried.

ABC News' "20/20" will continue to cover the ongoing developments in the case. Previous coverage includes the two-hour January special "Horror in Idaho: The Student Murders," with reporting from Whitworth providing a comprehensive look at the case and exclusive interviews with parents and loved ones of the victims, along with interviews with those who knew the accused murder suspect.

"**The King Road Killings**" trailer is now available for free on all major listening platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), Amazon Podcasts, iHeartRadio, Pandora, Stitcher, TuneIn, Audacy and the ABC News app.

"**The King Road Killings**" is produced by ABC Audio. Laura Mayer is executive producer. The podcast was previously announced in April under the working title "The Idaho Murders."

### **About ABC Audio**

ABC Audio is America's premier source for radio news, entertainment content, and podcasts. ABC News Radio reaches more Americans than any other commercial broadcaster through its network of more than 1,600 radio stations and digital distributors. ABC Audio offers affiliates on-demand access to original audio, video and social media content, as well as news, entertainment and lifestyle digital text stories. ABC Audio is part of a top-ranked podcasting network, along with partners at ESPN, National Geographic and Marvel. The growing podcast portfolio includes ABC News' flagship daily news podcast, "Start Here," as well as the critically acclaimed, chart-topping hits like "The Dropout," "Reclaimed: The Story of Mamie Till-Mobley," and "In Plain Sight: Lady Bird Johnson."

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