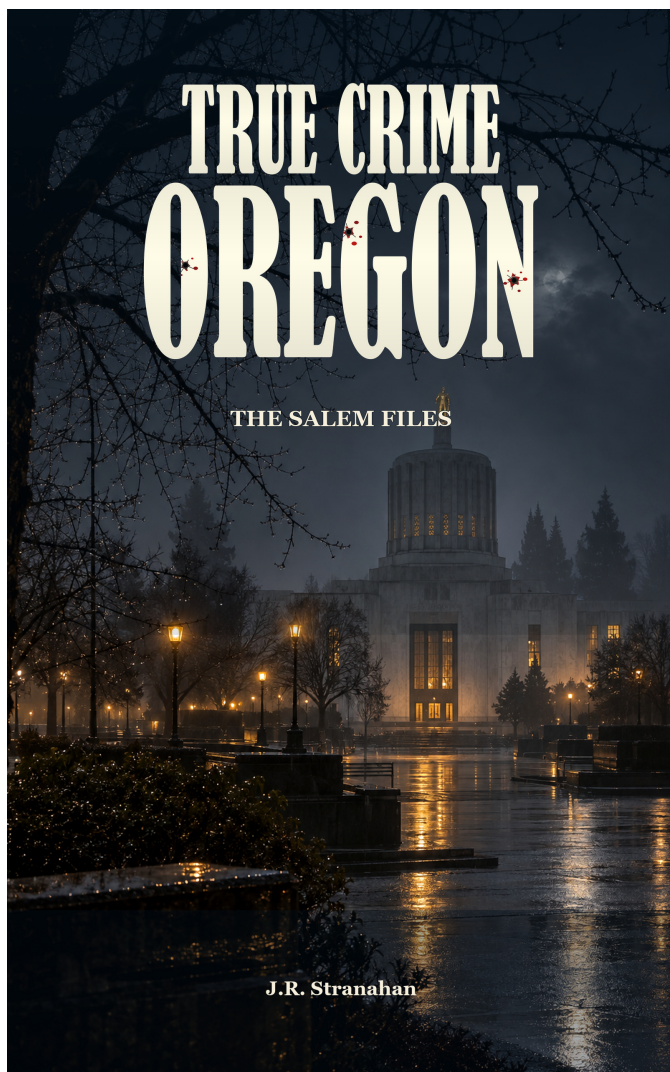




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Place and period: Woodburn and Marion County, 2008-2016

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Location matters in this file. Woodburn and Marion County determined which agencies, courts, and communities carried the case, while 2008-2016 marks the span over which the public learned it. A threatening call directed attention to two neighboring Woodburn banks. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, laboratories, journalists, and families occupy different roles in the record. The result is a chronology with identifiable custodians rather than a collection of free-floating claims.

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The controlling status for this account is: Joshua and Bruce Turnidge were convicted of aggravated murder and other felonies arising from the bank bombing. The Oregon Supreme Court affirmed Joshua Turnidge's convictions and the sentences then under review. That sentence is deliberately narrower than a television summary. It does not merge co-defendants, convert accusations into findings, or imply that an appeal erased a human death. Later proceedings may change the legal posture, but they should not be projected backward onto the record described here.

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