

# Dallas Murder case finally over

## What happened?

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On the 5th of February 2023, a gruesome murder took place on 134 Avenue Street in Dallas. A man by the name of Thomas Miller was killed by Edgar Allan Poe during the late hours of the night. The two men used to live together, the murderer taking care of the victim.

But one unfortunate night, a neighbour heard screams from the two men's apartment. A police officer went there 10 minutes later and only found a seemingly calm Mr. Poe in the apartment. After searching the whole apartment, the body was finally found. It had been chopped into pieces and hidden under the floor.

Last Friday, on the 10th of March, the Court of Dallas went into session in order to determine whether the defendant is guilty or insane, and therefore not guilty.



## The trial

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The prosecution started, by calling the Psychiatrist Doctor, Mr. Bratu, to the stand. The man said that Mr. Poe had been his client since 2020. Mr. Bratu said that his patient was hearing strange sounds, was aggressive, and that he wasn't able to distinguish right from wrong. He also added that during his last session, which was in 2022, he concluded that the man hadn't made any progress.

The next witness was the neighbour that called the police. Mr. Cooper said that he had no relationship with Mr. Poe, that they only "greeted each other from time to time", but that he knew that the man was calm and introverted in general.



The policeman was the third witness. Mr Bellick wasn't very believable, as he contradicted himself quite a few times. He said that when he entered the apartment, Mr. Poe was calm, collected, and had a believable story, but that he would, under no circumstances, make eye contact.

Mr. Miller's relative didn't have a lot of information. The woman said that she didn't talk with the victim a lot, but that she knew that the man had

asked Mr. Poe to take care of him, even though they had never met before.

The forensic doctor, Ms. Taylor, said that Mr. Miller had died from suffocation, only afterwards being cut into pieces. The man was suffocated with his bedsheets.

The last witness, Mr. Poe's relative, said that they were pretty close. He said that his family had noticed that he was acting weird: hearing sounds and having a false sense of reality. He also said that when the family took him to a psychiatrist, he reacted poorly, becoming aggressive, but not violent.

## The outcome

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In the end, the jury decided unanimously that Mr. Edgar Allan Poe was insane, and therefore not guilty. He was sent to St. Mary's Psychiatric Hospital by the judge.



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The trial was based on the short story entitled "A Tale-Tell Heart" by Edgar Allen Poe and it was organized and held by IX F during the English class, guided by their English teachers.