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**MARC ALLAN AND KEVIN MORGAN
ORAL HISTORIES, OCTOBER, 2018**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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SKETCHES

On 30 June 1988 prominent Indianapolis attorney Donald L. Jackson was stabbed to death by seventeen-year-old male prostitute, Herb J. Robbins in a room at the Chariot House Motel in Indianapolis. After stabbing him, Robbins took his wallet and car. He was later apprehended and charged with murder while trying to commit an armed robbery. Robbins claimed self-defense that Jackson had taken him to the motel for sex, but when Robbins refused to perform the act fearing that it could lead to AIDS, they fought, and Robbins stabbed him. Robbins was acquitted on the murder charge but found guilty of robbery and car theft and sentenced to twenty-five years in jail.

Kevin Morgan graduated with a degree in journalism from Indiana University in 1982. After working briefly for the *Anderson Herald*, he came to the *Indianapolis Star* in 1984 and remained until 2013 eventually becoming the political editor for the newspaper. He left to work for the Indiana General Assembly and is currently Senior Managing Editor for the Indiana Legislative Services Agency.

Marc Allan was born in New York City in 1959 and attended undergraduate school at Emerson College in Boston. He later attended graduate school at the University of Illinois at Springfield and came to work for the *Star* in 1988. In the 1990s he moved to the arts and entertainment section of the paper. In 2003 his job was eliminated, and he eventually went to work Butler University as associate director of public relations and then to the m College of Communications where he writes for the university.

Morgan and Allan, along with Scott Miley covered the Jackson murder story for the *Star*.

Sources:

Indianapolis *News*, 8 September 1988

Information in Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains two oral histories and their transcripts conducted by Dalton Gackle in 2018 as part of his thesis in Public History from IUPUI in 2019. The interviews pertain to killing of Donald Jackson by Herb Robbins in 1988.

In October, 2018, Gackle interviewed the two former Indianapolis *Star* reporters who covered the story: Marc Allan, now of Butler University, and Kevin Morgan, now Senior Managing Editor for the Indiana Legislative Services Agency. Both interviews contain information regarding how they became interested in journalism, their memories regarding the case and community reaction, and how their careers have advanced after the story.

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