

“Time of Death”

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Opening Narration:

Presenting a man in transition: Mr. Frank Stickley, a detective of decorated service counting down his final two weeks on the force and finding, as he surveys one last crime scene, that there will be no routine sailing into the sunset. For a suspicion merely in its infancy will soon be an unbelievable truth fully grown. He has seen this victim before—as his first murder case decades ago, the manner of death as unchanged as the youthful face lying silent before him once more. A most bizarre time capsule preserved, and unearthened, by the Twilight Zone.

Closing Narration

A word of caution to the plotters, the planners, and the particularly self-satisfied practitioners of crime. Justice delayed does not mean justice denied, especially when the case is tried in the court of the Twilight Zone.