

# IN COLD BLOOD SLAIN BEAUTY STALKED THE RICH AND FAMOUS

**A**CTOR Robert Blake's slain wife Bonny Lee Bakley was a twisted temptress who bilked love-starved older men to finance her schemes to meet celebrity hunks.

Ray Hale, former tour manager for rocker Jerry Lee Lewis and Bakley's pal for 15 years, tells GLOBE the 44-year-old blonde dreamed of marrying a star and made contact with a Who's Who of showbiz celebs - including Jerry Lee, Dean Martin and Robert De Niro.

"Bonny Lee (who also called herself Leebonny) always wanted to be a star," confides Hale. "She had a Screen Actors Guild card and worked as an extra in a couple of movies, but she realized she'd never make it big in Hollywood.

"Since she couldn't be a star, she figured the next best thing was to either date or marry one. Besides her recent relationships with Christian Brando and Robert Blake, she told me she was with Chubby Checker, De Niro, Frankie Valli and Jerry Lee."

After learning of Bonny Lee's May 4 murder, shaken Jerry Lee told GLOBE: "This is a terrible tragedy for everyone involved. When someone that you know dies like this, it's very difficult to understand."

But Blake discovered another, more sordid side to Bonny Lee. His lawyer Harland Braun told GLOBE that the actor did a background check on her years ago and "found a criminal history of her taking out magazine want ads to bilk lonely old men out of money."

And a GLOBE investigation uncovered shocking, X-rated photos that Bonny Lee sent to singles magazines as part of her twisted plots to lure desperate, lovelorn oldsters into her tender trap.

One raunchy photo reveals a naked Bonny Lee posing spread-eagled on the trunk of a convertible while fondling herself.

In another, she stands totally



Bonny Lee poses with Jerry Lee Lewis in 1986. Inset shows her Christmas card with another photo of her and the rocker



Bonny Lee with the late Dean Martin (left) and Frankie Valli

naked in the same car with her breasts hanging over the windshield.

Others show her in a variety of X-rated poses on and around the car as well as cavorting naked indoors.

One of the teasing ads, from *Swinging Women* magazine, reads, "I might as well face it, I'm addicted to love. Need to meet more men or just one, just the right one. If you think you can

satisfy my appetite, I'll stay with you. Doesn't matter where you live, travel is my second favorite pastime.

"Usually I like older men who spoil me, but sometimes I think I need a younger stud. Whatever category you fit, just write, we'll work it out later."

Explains Hale, "She would post ads in swinger magazines and men would write to her. She would write back asking for money, first-class

tickets and hotel reservations.

"She'd go and visit the guys, but deny them sex, saying she wanted a diamond engagement ring first.

"They'd buy her the rings, then she'd sell them and use the money to travel to L.A., New York and Las Vegas, where she'd bribe maitre d's, tour managers and concert promoters to meet well-known celebrities.

"She'd offer the stars sex, drugs, you name it. Some took her up on it, some didn't."

Hale reveals that Bonny Lee made enough money from her sick scams to buy two homes in Memphis, Tenn., and one in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

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Blake, who has an 11-month-old daughter with Bonny Lee, pleaded with her to stop her moneymaking schemes, Braun reveals.

"He warned her to give that up and she said she would, but apparently she was still doing it," he says.

Although questions swirl around Blake's actions on the fateful Friday Bonny Lee was killed, Braun says Blake was not involved. He believes that her murder may be connected to her moneymaking scams.

"She was the mother of his child and that's why Robert married her," notes Braun. "But I guess her con schemes caught up with her and there were a number of people who had it in for her. This may have been a revenge killing."

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