

ROBERT BLAKE:

ARETTA star Robert Blake's con artist wife was murdered by one of her furious victims, who planned the killing so that the innocent would take the fall! It's what Blake's lawyer and bodyguard tell GLOBE in five interviews.

Now for a fact that Robert "kill Bonny Lee Bakley," de-bodyguard Earle Caldwell, has worked for Blake for 10 years. "The killer was a guy who had been following her for some time and finally moved in at an opportune moment, when no one was around, so Robert would be the guilty party."

Bonny Lee ripped off so many men that it was inevitable that one of them would eventually come back for her. I saw a letter on a table from some guy who was really pissed off at her. It said something like "I'm going to get you for what you did to me."

Blake's attorney, Harland Braun, claims that many of the lonely hearts of the 44-year-old bottle-blond had been over the past 20 years violent.

In a letter, dated March 12, 1991, and among her belongings, Bonny Lee boasted that he'd taken a picture of his ex-wife's boyfriend, and she had notes.

GLOBE has previously reported that Bonny Lee - who was shot to death while sitting in a parked car in L.A. on May 4 - ripped off dozens of men by luring them with photos of herself in singles magazines. She'd ask them to give her money so she could meet them, but rarely showed up.

Instead, she used the cash to buy expensive clothes and after celebrities like Jerry Seinfeld, Dean Martin and Blake. Bonny Lee's advertisements for modeling in numerous singles



Blake with little Rose, the daughter he had with Bonny Lee

magazines right up until her death.

"Men wanted any age from anywhere," says one, which features a photo of a naked Bonny Lee in a racy pose.

"I'm sad and lonely due to a recent breakup. Looks are unim-

portant...I do love older men mostly!"

It's signed "Miss Bonny Bakley."

The ad ran in the April issues of the sex mags Sun and TS Contact and appeared in Kinky on May 9 - five days after her death.

Caldwell says Blake believed

that Bonny Lee's lonely hearts business was dangerous and that's why he was hired - to protect HER.

"He always knew Bonny was in danger of being murdered," claims Caldwell. "My job was to drive Bonny around and keep an eye out for anyone who might be following her. When we arrived somewhere, I had to check out the place first to make sure it was safe, then she could go in."

"She was always in fear of someone killing her."

Bonny Lee, who 67-year-old Blake married in November after DNA proved he was the father of her infant daughter, admitted that many of the men were obsessed with her, the bodyguard says.

"She once told me, 'I have an old boyfriend in New Jersey who's so infatuated with me, he says if he can't have me, no one can,'" says Caldwell.

Blake showered his wife with money, giving her a \$10,000 monthly allowance, says Caldwell, hoping she'd quit her scamming.

"But whatever amount Robert gave her, it was never enough," Caldwell claims. "Scamming was in her blood. It gave her a thrill to rip people off. Even when men wrote angry letters, she continued."

Caldwell was away on the day Bonny Lee was shot. He says she wanted to get him fired so Blake would hire her brother as a bodyguard. Instead, Blake gave Caldwell the weekend off.

"Robert is very distraught that the police aren't looking into Bonny Lee's past for clues to the killer," the bodyguard says. "He isn't worried about being arrested - he knows he didn't do it. But he's concerned that the real killer will never be found."

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