



Five years ago, *that's life!* readers met Julianna, a psychic detective. She has been busy since then
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Medium with a MESSAGE

Flipping through the magazine, I stumbled across a familiar face. *That's me*, I thought, smiling. It was 2005 and my story was in *that's life!*

I'm a psychic, and after seeing a small story about me in the local paper, a journalist from the magazine had contacted me.

'I see spirits as clearly as I see you,' I explained. 'They give me directions in life.' I told her how in 1991 I started helping police and lawyers, using my talent to help solve criminal cases.

When investigations hit a standstill, they'd ask me what I saw. 'I've helped solve murders and missing persons cases,' I said. 'My guides point me towards the truth.' I'd tell police to look for a body in water, or that a missing person was now dead.

And as my work with the police increased, I took courses to improve my skills. I studied profiling, which is the art of examining someone's behaviour to find clues about what makes them tick. So I became a mix of the TV shows *The Mentalist* and *Lie to Me*.

'I hope people like reading it,' I thought, putting the magazine to the back of my mind. But it didn't stay there for long. Soon I was receiving calls from members of the public. 'I saw your article in *that's life!*'

one said. 'Can you help me find my missing daughter?'

I was only too happy to help. However, one day I got a call that puzzled me. 'My son, Anthony*, has been charged with murdering his wife and child,' the woman, Lisa*, explained. 'But I know he didn't do it.'

As she was talking, my spirit guides started speaking to me. They showed me a series of visions, including a wedding ring and a pram with crosses through them and a red flag, which to me meant extreme anger. I also had a vision of a dagger.

'You're not going to like what I'm going to say,' I started. 'But I believe your son *is* guilty.'

I explained how my visions showed Anthony flying into a fit of rage and murdering his family with the dagger. 'It can't be,' she said. But I had to trust my intuition and my guides.

Not completely satisfied with my reading, Lisa had me meet Anthony's solicitor. 'Why don't you go and see him in jail?' he suggested. 'Profile him and tell me what you think.'

While most people hate the thought of going inside a jail, I'm used to it. But as I stepped inside Lithgow Correctional Centre, I felt a little apprehensive.

For Lisa's sake, I wanted to be wrong. But when I saw Anthony, the visions appeared again, clearer than ever. 'I know you're lying. I know what you've done,' I said, recounting what I had seen.

'It's not true,' he shrugged. But his body movements said otherwise. He was sweating and his eyes flitted from side to side. While Anthony never admitted the truth to me, years later I learnt I was right.

Anthony had stabbed his wife and child because he thought she was going to leave him.

I couldn't begin to imagine how hard it was for Lisa to hear. But amazingly she kept in close contact with me and knowing the truth helped her find closure.

Over the next few years I started winding down my police work. But when solicitors called asking for my advice, I helped



Rhys (left) and Dillon think their mum's job is cool!



I do a regular spot on radio

them as best as I could.

One lawyer said his client, a mother, had been killed in a house fire. 'Her husband survived but we want to know if the fire was deliberately lit,' he said.

My spirits told me that it was, but the woman hadn't actually died in the fire. 'She was bashed to death by her husband. He lit the fire to cover his tracks,' I said.

Another case I helped solve involved a man who was arrested for the murder of his ex-girlfriend. 'I don't think he did it,' I told the lawyer.

'I can see another partner involved, but not this man.'

My guides kept giving me a description of a man, who I later found out worked with

the deceased. 'He and his girlfriend did it,' I said firmly.

When it came time for the court case, I found out the deceased was having an affair with that very same coworker. It turned out she was killed after a sexual act had gone wrong.

I also took my profiling skills into a different arena, holding lectures to teach employers how to read their clients so they could serve them better. I branched out into helping children with learning difficulties too.

Then in February, 2009, a client came to me with an idea. 'Why don't you teach people all

you know?' she suggested.

It was an idea I'd been toying with but I had no idea how to make it work. But as more people suggested it, I realised this was my new path. 'Everyone has spirit guides,' I told my business partner Nicole. 'We just need to teach people how to focus in on them.'

We devised a seven-week course. I'd teach behavioural styles, face-mapping techniques and ways to develop intuitive psychic skills. I knew I had a few clients interested but I had no inkling that it would sell out.

Since appearing in *that's life!*, I'd been asked to go on *Today*, *Mornings with Kerri-Anne* and do a regular spot on Queensland radio. 'My name must have got around,' I laughed to Nicole.

In the class, I explained that spiritual development is about learning to separate thoughts from intuition. 'That way we can understand our own actions and others more,' I said.

Over the following weeks we explored how to get in contact with that gut instinct. I had no idea of the impact it would have.

'Since starting your course I've quit a relationship that wasn't working and got a promotion,' a lady confided. I was so happy my course could make a difference.

I still run the courses and do private consultations, and I'm also a busy mum of two boys,

Rhys, 13, and Dillon, 11.

I've also just finished filming a pilot for my own TV show. I'd describe it as psychic *Dr Phil*.

What makes me different from other psychics is instead of just talking to the dead, I use them to better the lives of the living. That involves everything from helping people communicate more effectively to working with police to give insight into crimes.

My guides did tell me that helping others was my path, but sometimes I'm shocked by exactly how far it's taken me. ■

As told to Karlie Jeffrey
Julianna is filming her new TV show and is looking to work with readers. So if you've lost someone through violent crime and would like Julianna's help to better understand why it occurred, contact that's life!

* Names have been changed.

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