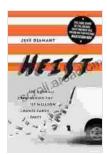
The Oddball Crew Behind The 17 Million Loomis Fargo Theft

A Mind-Boggling Heist and The Eccentric Characters Who Pulled It Off

In the annals of crime history, the Loomis Fargo theft of 1997 stands as a unique and audacious heist, not only for the staggering sum involved but also for the bizarre cast of characters who orchestrated and executed it. Join us as we delve into the extraordinary tale of an unlikely crew and their astonishing robbery that shook the nation.

The Mastermind: David Ghantt

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The mastermind behind the heist was David Ghantt, an enigmatic figure with a troubled past. Having served time in prison for a series of petty crimes, Ghantt emerged with a burning desire for revenge against Loomis

Fargo, the armored car company that had once fired him. Driven by a combination of anger and desperation, Ghantt set about meticulously planning his audacious heist.

The Crew: An Assortment of Eccentricities

Ghantt assembled a motley crew of individuals, each with their own unique set of skills and motivations.

- Steven Chambers: A former Marine with a troubled past and a penchant for explosives, Chambers played a crucial role in the heist's execution.
- Kelly Campbell: A stay-at-home mom turned getaway driver,
 Campbell provided the necessary transportation for the crew's escape.
- Michelle Chambers: Steven's wife and the crew's "inside woman," Michelle worked as a bank teller at the Loomis Fargo branch targeted for the robbery.
- Robert Boynton: A security guard for Loomis Fargo, Boynton provided vital information that enabled the crew to plan their heist meticulously.

The Heist: A Carefully Orchestrated Plan

On the fateful day of March 20, 1997, the crew put their plan into action. Michelle Chambers used her inside knowledge to alert the crew to an armored car carrying a large sum of money. Steven Chambers planted explosives in the road, forcing the armored car to stop. Ghantt and

Campbell then confronted the guards, securing the loot while Boynton neutralized the security system.

Escape and Aftermath:

With the heist complete, the crew made their escape with \$17 million in cash. However, their joy was short-lived. With the FBI hot on their trail, they quickly realized the magnitude of their crime. One by one, the crew members were apprehended.

Trial and Sentencing:

The trial of the Loomis Fargo crew became a media sensation. The bizarre characters and audacious nature of the heist captivated the nation. Ghantt and Steven Chambers were sentenced to life in prison, while the other crew members received lesser sentences.

The Legacy of the Oddball Crew:

The Loomis Fargo theft remains one of the most infamous heists in American history. The oddball crew behind it, with their diverse backgrounds and motivations, has become a subject of fascination for both criminologists and true crime enthusiasts. Their story serves as a cautionary tale about the consequences of greed and desperation, and the enduring power of a well-executed plan.

For Further Reading:

"Heist: The True Story of the Loomis Fargo Robbery" by David Scott
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- "The Loomis Fargo Theft: The Inside Story of the \$17 Million Heist" by Stephen Singular
- "The Loomis Fargo Heist: A True Crime Story of Greed, Betrayal, and Revenge" by Scott Bomboy



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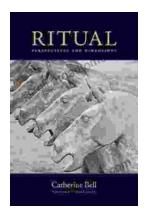
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