

Devilsdorp breaks Showmax records; launches companion podcast

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- Hosted by Nicole Engelbrecht of True Crime South Africa
- Now on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and more



The first Showmax original true-crime series, *Devilsdorp*, launched on Thursday, 29 July 2021 to five-star reviews, topping Showmax's SA top 20 and setting a new record for the most hours watched in its first four days of launch of any film or series ever on Showmax – outperforming the likes of *Game of Thrones*, *The Real Housewives of Durban* and *The River*.

Social media has been buzzing about *Devilsdorp* all weekend, with Khaya Dlanga [tweeting](#): “This is the wildest, craziest and most unbelievable South African documentary I have ever seen. And to think these events happened in a small town from 2012 to 2016?! Wild! [#Devilsdorp](#)” and *Rapport* editor Waldimar Pelser taking to [Facebook](#) to proclaim: “*Devilsdorp* is one of the best crime documentaries I have ever seen. There are some good cops in our country, too.”

The four-part docu-series investigates the 11 Krugersdorp Killings between 2012 and 2016, separately known as The Appointment Murders and the Satanic Murders, and how they were all traced back to Cecilia Steyn and the Electus per Deus (Chosen by God) cult.



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In a South African first, Showmax has launched *Devilsdorp: The Official Companion Podcast*, presented by Nicole Engelbrecht of True Crime South Africa, South Africa's first victim-focused true-crime podcast. Engelbrecht also narrated the audiobook version of Jana Marx's *The Krugersdorp Cult Killings: Inside Cecilia Steyn's Reign of Terror*.

"The *Devilsdorp* documentary series blew my mind," says Engelbrecht. "Not only did it reveal parts of this very complex case that hadn't been publicly addressed before, it did so in a way that honours the victims and their families. It truly is a world-class production and I am immensely proud to be associated with it."

"When I was approached by Showmax to produce a companion podcast for this series, I was, of course extremely excited, but more so, I saw it as an opportunity to really strip away the public narratives of this case, to push away the cobwebs of some of the distracting elements of this case and drill down into the psyche of these perpetrators. If the insights we've gathered in the podcast help even one person to avoid getting sucked into a situation like this, then at least something good has come from all of this tragedy."

The first episode, "Halos in Hell", will look at how religion was weaponised in this case. The second episode, "The Mind of a Killer", will explore the psychology behind cults and how Cecilia Steyn was able to manipulate others into doing her bidding. The third episode, "Mother Dearest", will investigate how Marinda Steyn manipulated her children into killing, with journalist Marizka Coetzer opening up about falling in love with Marinda's son, Le Roux Steyn. And episode four, "The Aftermath", will explore the impact of the case on the journalists and police officers involved – and explore other cases that could be connected to Electus Per Deus.

Listen out for extended interviews with many of the documentary's contributors, including Marx, clinical psychologist Louis Awerbuck, and Captain Ben Booyesen, the senior investigating officer, who aptly compares himself to Chuck Norris in the documentary.

Stream *Devilsdorp: The Official Companion Podcast* [here](#) or on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and wherever you get your podcasts.

Watch the trailer for *Devilsdorp*, which was directed by David Enright and produced by IdeaCandy:

Binge all four episodes of *Devilsdorp*, which is rated 16VL, first and only on Showmax at <https://www.showmax.com/eng/tvseries/lguobeqc-devilsdorp>.

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