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The Crazy Life of John McAfee

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[00:00:00] Hello, hello hello, and welcome to English Learning for Curious Minds, by Leonardo English.

[00:00:12] The show where you can listen to fascinating stories, and learn weird and wonderful things about the world at the same time as improving your English.

[00:00:21] I'm Alastair Budge and today we are going to be talking about the crazy life of John McAfee.

[00:00:28] Now, you might not have heard of John McAfee until recently, or at all. But if you have ever used a Windows computer, you have probably used a programme he created.

[00:00:40] McAfee Antivirus Software, the programme that promises to protect your computer against all sorts of harmful viruses and **threats**¹, and keep you safe.

¹ dangers



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[00:00:51] And if you knew nothing about the life of the man behind the software, you might think that he could have been a quiet computer programmer working away in an office, living an [unremarkable²](#) life.

[00:01:05] Nothing could be [farther³](#) from the truth.

[00:01:08] Our story will involve computer viruses, guns, the FBI, drugs, Central American [gangsters⁴](#), murder, [cryptocurrency⁵](#), prostitution, tax [evasion⁶](#), sex, and suicide.

[00:01:23] By the end of today's episode I think you'll agree that there are many words one could use to describe the life of John McAfee, but boring and [uneventful⁷](#) are not among them.

[00:01:35] Before we get right into our story, I want to remind you that you can become a member of Leonardo English and follow along with the subtitles, the transcript and its key vocabulary over on the website, which is leonardoenglish.com.

² not particularly interesting

³ at a greater distance

⁴ members of organised groups of criminals

⁵ a form of currency or money that only exists digitally or electronically

⁶ the act of avoiding something

⁷ without interesting events happening



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[00:01:49] Membership of Leonardo English gives you access to all of our learning materials, all of our bonus episodes, so that's more than 180 different episodes now, as well as two new ones every week, plus access to our awesome private community where we do live events, challenges, and much, much more.

[00:02:10] Our community now has members from over 50 countries, and it's my mission to make it the most interesting place for curious people like you to improve their English.

[00:02:22] So, if that's of interest - and I can't see a reason why it wouldn't be - then the place to go is leonardoenglish.com.

[00:02:32] Ok then, the crazy life of John McAfee.

[00:02:36] It seems strange to start a story at its end, but for John McAfee, his story ended a month and a half ago, on the 23rd June of 2021.

[00:02:48] He was being held in a Spanish jail cell, [awaiting⁸ extradition⁹](#) to the United States, he was about to be sent back to America to face [charges¹⁰](#) of tax [evasion](#), of not paying taxes.

⁸ waiting for

⁹ return to the country where he had been accused of doing something illegal

¹⁰ accusations of doing something illegal



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[00:03:02] At around 6pm, the guards went to his prison cell, and found him dead, it appeared that he had [hung¹¹](#) himself a few months before he was going to celebrate his 76th birthday.

[00:03:16] To try to understand how and why McAfee was in this situation, we need to go all the way back to the start of his life.

[00:03:24] He was born in England in 1945, a month after the Japanese had [surrendered¹²](#) and World War II was officially over.

[00:03:33] His father was an American [airman¹³](#), who had been [stationed¹⁴](#) in England. His mother was English.

[00:03:40] The family moved back to America, and McAfee grew up in Virginia, on the Eastern side of the United States.

[00:03:48] His childhood was, he reported, an unhappy one, as his father was a terrible alcoholic who [beat¹⁵](#) him and his mother.

¹¹ killed by tying a rope around his neck and removing the support from beneath him

¹² accepted defeat

¹³ a military pilot

¹⁴ put to some specific place for a military purpose

¹⁵ hit, struck



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[00:03:58] Tragically, his father shot himself when the young McAfee was only 15 years old.

[00:04:04] Understandably¹⁶, this tragic event left a permanent¹⁷ scar¹⁸ on McAfee, and he said later in an interview "Every relationship I have, he's by my side; every mistrust¹⁹, he is the negotiator²⁰ of that mistrust."

[00:04:21] McAfee was a talented mathematician, and started working on a PhD. He managed to progress academically despite starting to drink heavily and experiment with drugs.

[00:04:33] But it was to be another vice²¹ that was to curtail²², to stop short, his academic career.

¹⁶ expected under the circumstances

¹⁷ lasting forever

¹⁸ a lasting effect of sadness and fear

¹⁹ lack of trust

²⁰ the thing that represents something

²¹ bad habit or illegal activity

²² stop something before it is finished



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[00:04:41] It was discovered that he had been sleeping with an [undergraduate](#)²³ student that he was supposed to be [mentoring](#)²⁴, that he was supposed to be looking after, and he was [kicked out](#)²⁵ of his PhD programme.

[00:04:55] This [undergraduate](#) student was to become the first of his three wives, but you will see that [sexual appetite](#)²⁶ will be a theme throughout the life of this [eccentric](#)²⁷ man.

[00:05:07] After being kicked out of his PhD programme, he found work doing various different computer programming jobs, but the drink and the drugs didn't stop.

[00:05:17] In fact, they only got worse, and by the early 80s he was reportedly drinking a bottle of whisky a day and taking cocaine at his desk.

[00:05:28] This was all while having a series of pretty [high-powered](#)²⁸ technology jobs.

²³ a university student who has not yet taken his degree

²⁴ looking after and advising

²⁵ forced to leave

²⁶ sexual desire

²⁷ strange or unusual

²⁸ involving a lot of responsibility



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[00:05:35] McAfee would later report that this wasn't **abnormal**²⁹ in the world he was living in. People who were working in technology were also **keen**³⁰ on personal experimentation, and **altering**³¹ your senses was one way of doing this.

[00:05:50] Nevertheless, by 1984 McAfee realised that he had to stop, and that was reportedly the last time he ever used drink or drugs.

[00:06:02] His **hellraiser**³² lifestyle, his crazy lifestyle, had cost him dearly in terms of personal relationships, and he was becoming increasingly **paranoid**³³.

[00:06:14] But this **paranoia**³⁴ was to turn into an incredibly useful, and **profitable**³⁵, tool for McAfee.

[00:06:22] The 1980s was a time when personal computers started entering American homes for the first time.

²⁹ different from what is usual

³⁰ interested in

³¹ changing

³² a person who causes trouble and has bad habits

³³ experiencing extreme anxiety because he thought that he couldn't trust anybody

³⁴ an unreasonable feeling that other people didn't like him and wanted to harm him

³⁵ successful financially



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[00:06:29] They had previously been magical, **mysterious**³⁶ objects used by scientists and big organisations.

[00:06:36] Now, you could have one in your home.

[00:06:39] With the arrival of the first personal computers came the first computer virus, which was programmed by a pair of brothers in Pakistan.

[00:06:50] These brothers didn't really know what impact the virus might have, and they didn't try to hide the fact that they were behind it - indeed, they left their address and their phone number on the message that **infected**³⁷ computers received!

[00:07:05] McAfee, being a skillful programmer, created software that could stop this virus.

[00:07:12] His idea was that he could give the software away for free, so that people could protect their own computers against the virus.

[00:07:20] McAfee thought companies would also want it to protect their computers, and they would be prepared to pay for it, they just needed to know that they needed it.

[00:07:32] After having created this software, McAfee needed to make people believe that they weren't safe without it.

³⁶ strange

³⁷ containing a virus



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[00:07:39] If you didn't know what a computer virus was, you first needed to be educated about them before you would feel the need to install McAfee's software.

[00:07:49] McAfee used all sorts of [stunts](#)³⁸, all sorts of tricks, to [warn](#)³⁹ people of this huge [threat](#)⁴⁰ from computer viruses, from going around the country in a [camper truck](#)⁴¹ loaded with computers that he called an "antivirus [paramedic](#)⁴² unit" to frequent TV appearances where he would describe this huge [threat](#) that was just waiting to [invade](#)⁴³ your computer.

[00:08:16] McAfee's marketing efforts worked.

[00:08:19] Big companies immediately bought it, and it was quickly seen as a [must-have](#)⁴⁴ to protect computers against viruses.

[00:08:28] By 1990 McAfee was making \$5 million a year, and by 1993 he controlled 67% of the desktop antivirus market.

³⁸ tricks

³⁹ make them realise the possible danger

⁴⁰ danger

⁴¹ a truck with space for living quarters (bed etc.)

⁴² something that gives medical assistance

⁴³ to enter by force

⁴⁴ something that is very important to have



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[00:08:40] If you have ever bought McAfee Antivirus software, or your computer had it [pre-loaded](#)⁴⁵ onto it, this is where the original version came from.

[00:08:50] And this, [evidently](#)⁴⁶, made John McAfee a very rich man.

[00:08:55] He sold his [shares](#)⁴⁷ in the company in 1993, and walked away with around \$80 million.

[00:09:05] But while others in a similar situation might have simply retired and enjoyed their millions quietly, John McAfee's life was about to get a lot crazier.

[00:09:17] His [fame](#)⁴⁸ as the world's most famous cyber security expert had made him a [target](#)⁴⁹ for [hackers](#)⁵⁰, and it would be a great [badge of honour](#)⁵¹ for a [hacker](#)⁵² to be able to [hack](#)⁵³ John McAfee.

⁴⁵ already loaded, loaded beforehand

⁴⁶ in a way that is easy to see

⁴⁷ equal parts into which a company's value is divided

⁴⁸ the state of being known by a lot of people

⁴⁹ a person at whom an action is directed

⁵⁰ people who use programming skills to get into other people's computer system

⁵¹ something that shows you have a particular quality

⁵² one who uses programming skills to get into other people's computer system

⁵³ get into his computer system by using programming skills



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[00:09:31] This made him probably even more **paranoid**, and for the rest of his life he would be constantly watching his back, **swapping**⁵⁴ SIM cards, changing IP addresses, using fake names to buy computers and phones, and forever looking over his shoulder.

[00:09:50] He continued to invest in security-related companies and real estate, but when the 2007 financial crisis came he reported that he lost almost all of his money, going from a fortune of around \$100 million to just \$4 million.

[00:10:09] And it was after the financial crisis that things started to reach new levels of crazy.

[00:10:17] He moved to Belize, the tiny Central American country between Mexico and Guatemala, in 2008. He bought up a large **plot**⁵⁵ of land, but claimed that he was being **extorted**⁵⁶ by the Belizean government and a local drug **cartel**⁵⁷.

[00:10:34] He started to build up a mini army, and hired dozens of private security guards to protect him. They would all be heavily armed, and there are photos of McAfee from his early years in Belize surrounded by people with machine guns.

⁵⁴ exchanging something for something else

⁵⁵ an area of land

⁵⁶ had his money taken from him by using illegal methods

⁵⁷ an illegal group of people who control the market of drugs



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[00:10:51] By this time he had two failed marriages behind him, and in Belize he seemed to be surrounded by a large number, one could even say a “[bevy](#)⁵⁸”, of young women.

[00:11:05] He continued to build new houses on his land, and before long his [compound](#)⁵⁹ was a vast collection of different properties, many of them just lying empty.

[00:11:16] Partly for company, and partly to guard the property, McAfee kept 11 dogs, who were [semi-wild](#)⁶⁰ and would reportedly make a lot of noise.

[00:11:28] This evidently didn't go down very well with his neighbours, and it annoyed one neighbour in particular: a man named George Faull, another American who spent part of the year living in Belize.

[00:11:42] The story goes that Faull had complained to McAfee multiple times, but nothing happened.

[00:11:48] One day, four of McAfee's dogs were found dead, [poisoned](#)⁶¹.

⁵⁸ a gathering, a group

⁵⁹ an area with a group of buildings inside

⁶⁰ not fully tamed, partly wild

⁶¹ killed with poison (a dangerous substance)



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[00:11:54] A week later, George Faull, the American neighbour, was found in a pool of blood with a hole through his head, as if he had been [executed](#)⁶².

[00:12:05] The Belize police [swooped in](#)⁶³ to question McAfee, who had made no secret of the fact that he hated his American neighbour.

[00:12:14] But before they could get to him, McAfee [fled](#)⁶⁴, he escaped from the police, and managed to get into Guatemala, to the north.

[00:12:23] According to McAfee, he had done nothing wrong, but believed that the Belizean government was deeply [corrupt](#)⁶⁵ and he didn't trust his chances with them.

[00:12:35] It should be said that McAfee [denies](#)⁶⁶ having had anything to do with the murder of George Faull, and nobody has actually been [charged](#)⁶⁷ for it.

[00:12:45] After having made it to Guatemala, McAfee was held by the police on charges of having entered the country illegally, and he was about to be sent back to Belize.

⁶² put to death

⁶³ moved in quickly

⁶⁴ escaped from danger by running away

⁶⁵ involved in dishonest practices

⁶⁶ refuses to recognise

⁶⁷ legally blamed



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[00:12:57] While being held in Guatemala, it was reported that he had two small heart attacks in prison, and so his [deportation](#)⁶⁸ was delayed.

[00:13:07] As a result, there was time for his lawyers to [contest](#)⁶⁹ the charges, and he was sent back to the United States, not back to Belize.

[00:13:17] McAfee would later [state](#)⁷⁰ that he actually [faked](#)⁷¹ these heart attacks.

[00:13:22] Whether he did or not we will never know, but they certainly meant that the next chapter of his life would start as a free man back in the United States, not in a Belizean jail cell.

[00:13:36] Back in the United States, he became even more [paranoid](#).

[00:13:41] He believed that he was being [chased](#)⁷² by Belizean drug gangs with links to the government, and he would travel around the country staying only in [motels](#)⁷³ under anonymous names.

[00:13:53] He remarried in 2013, to a lady called Janice Dyson. They had met on his first night back in the United States in Florida. He was sitting in a bar, she was working as a

⁶⁸ departure of someone from a country because they do not have the legal right to be there

⁶⁹ oppose something as being wrong

⁷⁰ said openly

⁷¹ caused something to appear true while it wasn't

⁷² followed, hunted

⁷³ hotels, especially for people travelling by car



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prostitute. She [solicited](#)⁷⁴ him, and they quickly fell in love, and she remained by his side for the rest of his life.

[00:14:16] While travelling around the United States, he would carry around lots of different mobile phones, and do things like jump out of his car and [attach](#)⁷⁵ a mobile phone to another, random car, [supposedly](#)⁷⁶ to confuse the people who were following him.

[00:14:33] During this time he also went on a personal war against McAfee Antivirus Software, even releasing a [parody](#)⁷⁷ video called “How to uninstall McAfee Antivirus”.

[00:14:46] He had sold all of his [shares](#) almost 20 years beforehand, and had no links to the company whatsoever.

[00:14:54] He also became even more of a [campaigner](#)⁷⁸ for internet security, and for privacy.

⁷⁴ approached him with an offer of sex in exchange for money

⁷⁵ fasten, put on

⁷⁶ as expected

⁷⁷ a video with the purpose of making fun of something

⁷⁸ someone who takes a series of actions in order to achieve a certain goal



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[00:15:01] There are **countless**⁷⁹ videos of him talking about the **risks**⁸⁰ posed by things like mobile phones, and talking about the measures that he takes to protect his own security.

[00:15:13] In 2016, he had his first attempt at running for US president. You might have thought that for a man trying to hide, running for President of the United States wasn't a great idea, but McAfee went ahead anyway.

[00:15:30] He put himself forward as a candidate for the Libertarian party, **advocating**⁸¹ to end the war on drugs and increase cybersecurity against Russia and China. He didn't win the nomination, but it wouldn't be his only **bid**⁸² for President. He tried again in 2020, with a similar agenda, but again, didn't get very far.

[00:15:55] Not **content**⁸³ with a peaceful life with his new wife, he threw himself into new technological developments, and started and invested in several new cybersecurity companies.

⁷⁹ too many to be counted

⁸⁰ dangers

⁸¹ speaking in favour of

⁸² effort to become

⁸³ pleased, satisfied



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[00:16:07] He also became a [vocal⁸⁴ proponent⁸⁵](#) of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, and it was actually this element of his life that was to lead him to [wind up⁸⁶](#) in a Spanish jail cell.

[00:16:21] McAfee, as you have probably gathered by now, was a Libertarian. He was anti-government, anti controls on personal liberty, and an [advocate⁸⁷](#) of personal choice.

[00:16:33] Many people with these kinds of beliefs naturally [gravitated⁸⁸](#) towards cryptocurrency, given its [decentralised⁸⁹](#) nature.

[00:16:43] McAfee also believed that tax was theft, and he hadn't filed his US taxes since 2010.

[00:16:52] As you may know, the US is one of the few countries in the world where citizens have to pay taxes in the US no matter where they live.

⁸⁴ expressing himself often

⁸⁵ supporter

⁸⁶ end up

⁸⁷ someone who speaks in favour of something

⁸⁸ were attracted

⁸⁹ being away from a control centre



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[00:17:02] So, McAfee was soon a target for the IRS, the Inland Revenue Service, the government organisation responsible for collecting taxes in the US, as well as for the FBI.

[00:17:16] In January of 2019 McAfee announced that he was officially being **chased** by the IRS, and as a consequence, he was **on the run**⁹⁰ from the US government.

[00:17:27] He believed that the US government wanted to make an example out of him, and if he was tried in a US court then he would spend the rest of his life behind bars, in prison.

[00:17:41] In October of 2020, while in Spain, McAfee was arrested by the Spanish police. He was being **sought**⁹¹ by the IRS on charges of tax evasion, after he had reportedly made millions by promoting cryptocurrencies between 2014 and 2018.

[00:18:00] From October of 2020 to June of 2021, McAfee and his legal team fought the **extradition order**⁹², they fought to avoid him being sent back to the US.

[00:18:12] While he was in prison, McAfee continued to communicate with the outside world, sending tweets such as:

[00:18:20] I am **content** in here. I have friends.

⁹⁰ trying to avoid being captured

⁹¹ followed, hunted

⁹² a command or request made by an authority



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[00:18:22] The food is good. All is well.

[00:18:25] Know that if I **hang**⁹³ myself, a la Epstein, it will be no **fault**⁹⁴ of mine.

[00:18:32] That was in October of 2020.

[00:18:35] Then, in June of 2021, the **extradition order** was approved.

[00:18:41] McAfee was **scheduled**⁹⁵ to be sent back to the US, and hours later he was found dead, **apparently**⁹⁶ by suicide.

[00:18:49] Now, since his death there have been dozens of conspiracy theories about this. From theories that he isn't actually dead, and that he **faked** his own death, through to theories that he was murdered, that Latin American **gangsters** finally managed to get to him.

[00:19:07] The official **verdict**⁹⁷ was suicide, although this is still **disputed**⁹⁸ by his wife, who says that she spoke to him days before and he seemed very happy, not the sort of man who would have taken his own life.

⁹³ kill by tying a rope around the neck and remove the support beneath the feet

⁹⁴ responsibility for something bad happening

⁹⁵ it was planned for him to

⁹⁶ obviously, as it seems

⁹⁷ judgement, conclusion

⁹⁸ questioned



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[00:19:22] This isn't the time or place for a lot of [speculation](#)⁹⁹, but let's just look at both sides for a minute.

[00:19:30] He was forever [tricking](#)¹⁰⁰ people, playing [tricks](#)¹⁰¹ on the public, and making people believe things that weren't true. He was also someone who had spent the majority of his adult life fighting authority, in different forms, and not the sort of person who seemed to give up lightly.

[00:19:49] Plus, according to his wife and lawyer, he was not suicidal at all.

[00:19:53] So, on that basis, the fact that he killed himself does seem a little [out of character](#)¹⁰².

[00:20:00] But, on the other hand, he was 75 years old, he had lived an incredibly stressful life of adventure and tragedy. He had just found out that he was about to be sent back to a place where he believed he would spend the rest of his life in prison.

[00:20:19] Is it so unbelievable that he might have decided to end it all? He would no doubt have known that his fans wouldn't believe that he killed himself, and was this last act his way of leaving one last conspiracy for people to believe?

⁹⁹ conclusions not based on certainty

¹⁰⁰ deceiving, fooling

¹⁰¹ acts intended to deceive or fool someone

¹⁰² not according to his typical behaviour



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[00:20:36] In all probability, we will never know for sure, but perhaps that is exactly what John McAfee would have wanted.

[00:20:46] OK then, that is it for today's episode on the [eccentric](#) life of John McAfee.

[00:20:53] He was a security [pioneer](#)¹⁰³, a brilliant computer scientist, and a [wildly](#)¹⁰⁴ successful businessman.

[00:20:59] But, he was also [deeply](#)¹⁰⁵ troubled and [self-destructive](#)¹⁰⁶.

[00:21:03] In his own words, he was “not normal”.

[00:21:07] And whether you think that John McAfee was a mad, dangerous, criminal, or whether he was in fact someone who died a [martyr](#)¹⁰⁷ in the fight against a corrupt system, it is hard to deny that he lived a weird but fascinating life.

[00:21:22] And if you have McAfee Anti Virus software on your computer then the next time you get one of those annoying notifications asking you to scan your computer, you will know a little bit more about the man who gave his name to that programme.

[00:21:38] As always, I would love to know what you thought of this episode.

¹⁰³ one who opens new areas of development

¹⁰⁴ in an extreme way

¹⁰⁵ extremely

¹⁰⁶ behaving in a way that was likely to bring harm upon himself

¹⁰⁷ one who makes great sacrifices in order to support a cause



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[00:21:42] Did you know anything about the life of John McAfee before listening to this?

Are you more on the side of him being a dangerous, [unstable](#)¹⁰⁸ man, or an

[unfortunate](#)¹⁰⁹ victim?

[00:21:53] I would love to know.

[00:21:54] For the members among you, you can head right into our community forum,

which is at community.leonardoenglish.com and get chatting away to other curious

minds.

[00:22:05] And as a final reminder, if you enjoyed this episode, and you are wondering

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vocabulary, then the place to go to for that is leonardoenglish.com.

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different countries, on that journey.

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[00:22:38] You've been listening to English Learning for Curious Minds, by Leonardo

English.

[00:22:43] I'm Alastair Budge, you stay safe, and I'll catch you in the next episode.

¹⁰⁸ likely to change behaviour, lacking stability

¹⁰⁹ unlucky



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Key vocabulary

Word	Definition
Threats	dangers
Unremarkable	not particularly interesting
Farther	at a greater distance
Gangsters	members of organised groups of criminals
Cryptocurrency	a form of currency or money that only exists digitally or electronically
Evasion	the act of avoiding something
Uneventful	without interesting events happening
Awaiting	waiting for
Extradition	return to the country where he had been accused of doing something illegal
Charges	accusations of doing something illegal
Hung	killed by tying a rope around his neck and removing the support from beneath him



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Surrendered	accepted defeat
Airman	a military pilot
Stationed	put to some specific place for a military purpose
Beat	hit, struck
Understandably	expected under the circumstances
Permanent	lasting forever
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Abnormal	different from what is usual
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Hacker	one who uses programming skills to get into other people's computer system
Hack	get into his computer system by using programming skills
Swapping	exchanging something for something else



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Plot	an area of land
Extorted	had his money taken from him by using illegal methods
Cartel	an illegal group of people who control the market of drugs
Bevvy	a gathering, a group
Compound	an area with a group of buildings inside
Semi-wild	not fully tamed, partly wild
Poisoned	killed with poison (a dangerous substance)
Executed	put to death
Swooped in	moved in quickly
Fled	escaped from danger by running away
Corrupt	involved in dishonest practices
Denies	refuses to recognise
Charged	legally blamed
Deportation	departure of someone from a country because they do not have the legal right to be there
Contest	oppose something as being wrong



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State	said openly
Faked	caused something to appear true while it wasn't
Chased	followed, hunted
Motels	hotels, especially for people travelling by car
Solicited	approached him with an offer of sex in exchange for money
Attach	fasten, put on
Supposedly	as expected
Parody	a video with the purpose of making fun of something
Campaigner	someone who takes a series of actions in order to achieve a certain goal
Countless	too many to be counted
Risks	dangers
Advocating	speaking in favour of
Bid	effort to become
Content	pleased, satisfied
Vocal	expressing himself often



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Proponent	supporter
Wind up	end up
Advocate	someone who speaks in favour of something
Gravitated	were attracted
Decentralised	being away from a control centre
On the run	trying to avoid being captured
Sought	followed, hunted
Order	a command or request made by an authority
Hang	kill by tying a rope around the neck and remove the support beneath the feet
Fault	responsibility for something bad happening
Scheduled	it was planned for him to
Apparently	obviously, as it seems
Verdict	judgement, conclusion
Disputed	questioned
Speculation	conclusions not based on certainty



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Tricking	deceiving, fooling
Tricks	acts intended to deceive or fool someone
Out of character	not according to his typical behaviour
Pioneer	one who opens new areas of development
Wildly	in an extreme way
Deeply	extremely
Self-destructive	behaving in a way that was likely to bring harm upon himself
Martyr	one who makes great sacrifices in order to support a cause
Unstable	likely to change behaviour, lacking stability
Unfortunate	unlucky

We'd love to get your feedback on this episode.

What did you like? What could we do better?

What did you struggle to understand?

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