

## Last Words

"I have been my father's carer for the past 5 years, there's just been the two of us since my mother died. He's been in a lot of pain. Lately he'd kept saying that he just wanted the pain to stop and see my mum again." Juliet Romero explained to DCI Wood. The body of the late Mr Romero sat slumped in an arm chair, a single shot wound under his chin. On the table beside him was a glass, a half empty bottle of scotch and an old cassette recorder. A pistol lay on the floor by his outstretched arm.

"I came home from shopping and this is just as I found him, I've not moved anything. He was a Major in the army before he retired. He did belong to a gun club but had to give it up a few years ago when he became infirm."

"What's the cassette for?" asked DCI Wood.

"Oh, he likes to listen to his old story tapes, mostly thrillers and old war stories."

DCI Wood pressed 'play' on the cassette. A tremulous voice could be heard saying "I'm so sorry Juliet, it's just that I miss your mum so much." Then a gunshot rang out.

"Oh poor dad," sobbed Juliet. "he must have been desperate to take his own life."

Why did DCI Wood arrest Juliet for the murder of her father?

