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## AUSTRALIA'S #1 PODCAST REVEALS NEW LEADS IN COLD CASE MURDER

**New evidence from ABC's Trace podcast reveals buried clues to a decades-old cold case murder**

It's the cold case that everyone's talking about. After 37 years, will new evidence solve the murder of Melbourne mother Maria James? The overnight release of Episode 2 reveals new leads that journalist and host, Rachael Brown suggests could have serious implications for more than one Australian institution.

After reinvestigating the Maria James murder case for the past year, *Trace* presents a thorough and compelling examination of the events leading up to her murder, and the suspects and evidence recorded by police during the investigation that followed.

In the latest episode, testimonies of blood-covered suspects leaving the crime scene, and allegations of child sex abuse come to the forefront of the investigation.

ABC Walkley Award-winning Rachael Brown revealed on last night's *The Project*, "There's someone that was ruled out that I don't think should have been. There's a new suspect that I've found, that I think should have been questioned at the time and wasn't.

"On the day of the murder, a witness saw someone near the crime scene covered in blood. And just who that person was will shock you."

Working alongside Maria James' two sons, and the now-retired homicide detective who was part of the initial investigation, the *Trace* podcast team has appealed to the Australian public to provide new information that can bring truth to the surface of this unsolved mystery.

The response has been enormous and the podcast will continue to unfold as fresh information is brought to light by *Trace* and the public appeal.

This is a story that's captured the hearts of Australian listeners, and has real-world implications for the family of Maria James.

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