

# Murdered as she sought a new life

*Eleni Pachou had moved to Scotland from Greece in search of a new life in February 2006 after the death of her mother.*

She got a job at the Di Maggio's pizzeria in the west end of Glasgow, and was soon promoted to trainee manager.

But tragically the job also brought Ms Pachou into contact with 37-year-old Juan Crispin - known as Carlos.

She thought of him as a friend, but Crispin was prepared to kill her to get his hands on the restaurant takings.

Crispin had moved to Scotland 12 years ago after falling in love with his partner Margaret Hughes in his home island of Gran Canaria.

He believed that Di Maggio's owed him and had vowed to rob them.

Crispin had been assistant manager at Di Maggio's until January last year, but had been moved to Cafe Andaluz and demoted to the post of barman because bosses suspected him of stealing from the takings.

After Crispin left Di Maggio's, an additional safe was put in to keep the bulk of the takings, which were banked on Fridays and Sundays.

The original safe was used for the overnight takings before the cash was moved the next day to the second safe.

## Wait behind

Crispin probably expected to find between £8,000 and £10,000, but Ms Pachou only had the keys to the safe with the overnight takings, which had only about £1,300 in it.

He used his friendship with Ms Pachou to get her to wait behind when the rest of the staff left on 29 May last year.

At first everything was amicable, with Crispin having a couple of beers and Ms Pachou a rum and coke.

They laughed and chatted about work and each took a couple of lines of cocaine, Crispin claimed during the trial.

Crispin had tried to blame the murder on the restaurant cleaner

After about an hour, Crispin - who prosecutors said was in debt to the tune of £13,500 - put on gloves and produced a knife which had been bought in Woolworths in Byres Road, Glasgow, for £4 by his lover Marion Hinshelwood, and began stabbing at Ms Pachou's back, face and neck.

As she lay dying, Crispin called Hinshelwood on the phone and said: "She keeps moving."

During the attack, left-handed



*ELENI came to Scotland from Greece to start a new life after her mother died - but she ended up murdered by Juan Carlos Crispin. Hard-working Eleni - described by colleagues as a "beautiful, sparkling woman" - arrived in Scotland in 2006. Her older brothers Spiro and Mark were already at university in Glasgow.*

Crispin rammed the knife right through Ms Pachou's neck, stabbing his own right thumb.

This was his undoing because his blood soaked through his gloves and mingled with that of his victim.

Forensic scientists found his blood and Ms Pachou's on the safe, the safe key and the floor.

His DNA was also found on the opening clasp of the rucksack Ms Pachou was wearing as she was attacked, and on her left cheek.

Phone calls between Crispin, Hinshelwood and Ms Pachou were used to snare him and his fate was sealed when his accomplice confessed to police.

The High Court in Glasgow heard that Crispin drew Hinshelwood, 44, into his plan as an accomplice.

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Hinshelwood, who worked as a cleaner at Di Maggio's, said Crispin asked her seven or eight times to kill Ms Pachou, but she refused.

She said Crispin had told her he desperately needed money.

Hinshelwood added: "He went on about killing her.

"He explained that apparently she took cocaine and would do anything for cocaine.

"He asked me to cut up aspirin or something to make it look like drugs."

She said that Crispin said she should give the "cocaine" to Ms Pachou at the pizzeria, and when she turned her back Hinshelwood was to stab her between the shoulder blades.

Hinshelwood was asked why she told no-one what was going on and she replied: "I was besotted with this guy. I'd have done anything for him except committing a murder."

She said that when she refused to murder Ms Pachou, Crispin asked her to buy the knife, which she purchased on 28 May last year.

While she was in Woolworths looking for a knife, Crispin phoned her and told her to buy a cheap one.

Phone records played a large part in detectives solving the case.

A log detailing calls Crispin made to both Hinshelwood and Ms Pachou were used to support Hinshelwood's

debt after her former partner's business collapsed, but said: "Not that desperate to kill someone."

She pleaded guilty to killing Ms Pachou on an art and part basis by buying the murder weapon knowing that Crispin was going to use it to commit a crime.

After the killing Crispin made repeated calls to Hinshelwood telling her to stay calm and tell police nothing.

One of the calls was made minutes

evidence that Crispin was the killer.

At about midnight on 29 May last year, Crispin went to Hinshelwood's flat in Marchmont Terrace, Glasgow, and left with the knife.

Hinshelwood fell asleep and was wakened by a call from the Crispin saying: "I'm coming up." He also said that Ms Pachou had "kept moving" during the attack.

Ms Pachou's body was found by Hinshelwood inside the pizzeria

Crispin arrived at Hinshelwood's flat at about 0230 BST with a cut to his right thumb, a bag full of money and the blade of the knife.

The handle had broken off during the frenzied attack on Ms Pachou.

Later that same morning Hinshelwood spoke to an accountant who worked nearby, saying: "Just another day at the OK Corral," before heading into Di Maggio's and finding Ms Pachou's body.

She then made a 999 call in which she was so hysterical she could hardly say her own name.

Hinshelwood admitted she was in

after she found Ms Pachou's dead body lying in a pool of blood.

Hinshelwood, who was originally charged with murder, met Crispin through Di Maggio's.

She used to frequently dine out there with her partner Henry Savage and their son.

## Forensic evidence

When her relationship with Mr Savage broke up Crispin helped her to get a job as a cleaner at Di Maggio's and they became lovers.

He saw it as casual sex, but Hinshelwood was obsessed with him and wanted him to leave his partner, who is the mother of his two sons.

The court heard that Hinshelwood also had money worries after her former partner's business collapsed and she was in arrears on her rent and to a private school where her son was a pupil.

Crispin claimed that it was his lover Hinshelwood who had stabbed Ms Pachou and not him, but the jury did not believe him.

During his trial he was still blaming Hinshelwood in the face of overwhelming forensic evidence that placed him at the scene as the killer.

Crispin kept saying: "I never killed the girl!" and claimed that Hinshelwood had set him up.

However, the jury found him guilty and Crispin was jailed for a minimum of 20 years. Hinshelwood will be sentenced in June.

Ms Pachou's body was found the day after 40-year-old businesswoman Moira Jones was discovered dead in Queen's Park, Glasgow.

Slovakian Marek Harcar, 33, was convicted of raping and murdering Moira and ordered to serve at least 25 years behind bars.

