

13 Stories III
Story Options 2022

Option #15: Ralph Poindexter

Ralph Poindexter, John Ramero and Phillip Mendy escaped from a “minimum security” area (the Guards’ House outside the prison walls). The night of their escape the three men held a family at gunpoint on Federal Way. The trio kidnapped Dale Adams, 45, and forced him to drive to Idaho Falls. The prisoners told his wife Louise and their two children, 10 and 18, that they would allow their father to call them in three hours. The trio threatened Louise with Dale’s life if she called the police. While on the road, the prisoners offered to buy Dale something to eat, but he told them he was not hungry. He called police from a barber shop and told them the trio did allow him to try and phone his wife but the line was busy. Poindexter, Ramero and Mendy then took a cab to Ririe, where patrol cars surrounded and apprehended them. Poindexter previously tried to escape in 1967. The three men were given additional ten-year sentences for kidnapping.

