

# **The Honeymoon Was Murder – A Murder Mystery**

## **Detailed Plot Description**

Fiona and Joseph Fitzgerald attend Bill and Mary Clauson's Las Vegas weekend wedding. Returning to their hotel, after seeing an acrobatic show Saturday night, Fiona smells a human corpse in a dumpster. She dials 911 and agrees to help Sam Chambers, a Clark County homicide detective, solve the murder of Master Sergeant Sprague. The suspect, Major Larry Kern, is arrested by Captain Kathy Reagan at Nellis Air Force Base. Kern also faces espionage charges for selling DoD computer access to Russian gangsters. Before Kern's court-martial convenes, his charges are mysteriously reduced.

An FBI/ICE joint task force has been investigating Boris Sergeevich's human trafficking gang for months. Fifteen enslaved women are rescued from his brothel in North Las Vegas. Sergeevich is arrested on human trafficking charges. Two Ukrainian girls, Sofia and Nadia, risk their lives by agreeing to testify against him. In return, the girls receive FBI protection and will enter witness protection after the trial. Joseph interviews the girls as part of his exposé on human trafficking for his newspaper, The Phoenix Gazette. To prevent Sergeevich's conviction for human trafficking, his gunmen attempt to silence the witnesses. After several murder attempts fail, Sergeevich plans to flee to Los Angeles after bonding out of jail.

Sergeevich is arrested again for kidnapping Kern's girlfriend, Simone Jackson. Her kidnapping is related to Kern's espionage charges. Sergeevich is in jail at FBI headquarters when one of his employees initiates a jail break. The escape attempt fails and the employee is killed. Sergeevich is startled to learn the true identity of the employee.

Sofia and Nadia visit hospitalized FBI agent, Andrei Petrov, to thank him for saving their lives. Sofia declares she loves him and says it was love at first sight. Sofia says she may return to Ukraine if her feelings are not reciprocated.