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Fictional crime dramas have been a staple in the entertainment industry for many years. These programs captivate the viewers and have them waiting for the next episode. The utilization of true crime elements might be the answer to their long lasting popularity. Many shows have taken inspiration from crimes that have occurred to real people to incorporate into the program. The plots with true crime elements entice people and can allure them for many different reasons. Those different reasons are explored through my research as I analyze the success behind this “ripped-from-headlines” tactic being employed to attract the audience in the fictional crime drama genre.

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