

# WINNIE'S WALK

A GLIMPSE INTO PHOENIX'S NOTORIOUS PAST

Go back in time and navigate through the pivotal locations of sensationalized "Trunk Murderess," Winnie Ruth Judd. From her Phoenix residence to the chilling "Murder House," this tour offers an intimate look at the landmarks that shaped Arizona's most captivating homicide cases.

**1** **510 W. Lynwood St. – LEIGH FORD'S HOME**  
**514 W. Lynwood St. – JACK HALLORAN'S HOME**

510 West Lynwood was where Winnie Ruth stayed upon reaching Phoenix, working for the Ford family as their live-in nanny. Here she got acquainted with her married neighbor, Jack Halloran, and started a scandalous affair with him.

**2** **2943/2947 N. Second St. –**  
**"THE MURDER HOUSE"**

This is where, on the evening of October 16, 1931, Judd fatally shot her friends Agnes LeRoi and Hedvig Samuelson after a dispute among the trio over Halloran's attention. Jealousy was believed to be her motive.

**3** **401 W. Harrison St. –**  
**UNION PACIFIC STATION**

At this location, Winnie got on a train destined for Los Angeles, her baggage concealing the dismembered remains of her two acquaintances. Her left hand was bandaged from a gunshot wound.

**4** **125 W. Washington St. –**  
**MARICOPA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

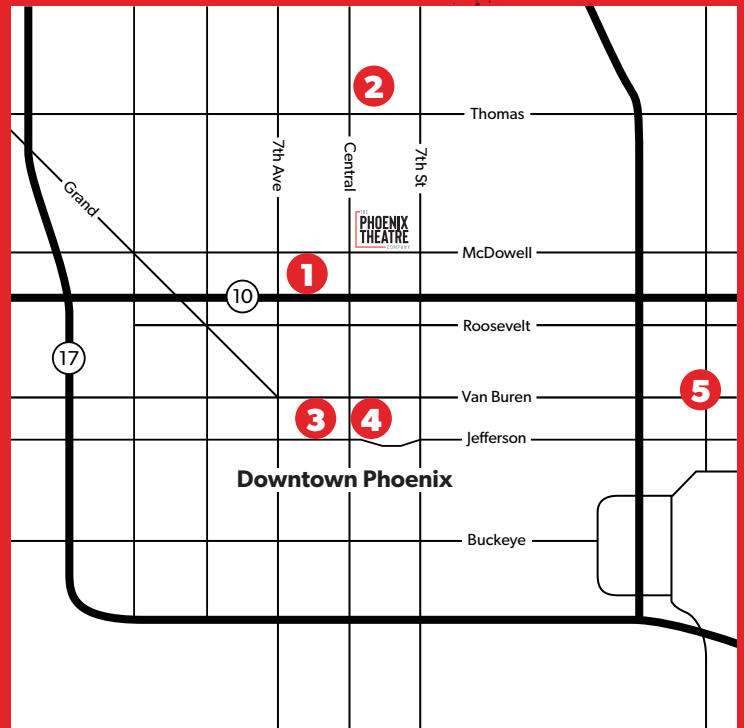
Court proceedings against Judd began on January 19, 1932. Judd faced charges only for the death of LeRoi; Samuelson's case never reached trial. The prosecution claimed Judd's actions were premeditated, pointing to strained relations among the women for weeks leading up to the tragic event. The jury found Judd guilty of first-degree murder, and her sentence was execution by hanging. She was transferred to the Arizona State Prison, where she was deemed mentally unstable, and her death penalty was rescinded.

**5** **24th St. & Van Buren St. –**  
**ARIZONA STATE HOSPITAL**

Judd was committed to the Arizona State Asylum for the Insane (later renamed the Arizona State Hospital). Remarkably, between 1933 and 1963, she managed to break free from the institution on six occasions. During one escape, she trekked all the way to Yuma, using the old Southern Pacific railway route.

9.3 miles, 33 minutes by car

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