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Explore One of Santa Clara County's Most Infamous Courts Cases with Tom Zaniello Author of: *California's Lamson Murder Mystery*.

San Jose, CA – January 27, 2017 – Join History San José at the historic Fallon House, Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30pm, for a discussion and book signing with author Tom Zaniello for his newest book: *California's Lamson Murder Mystery: The Depression Era Case that Divided Santa Clara County*.

On Memorial Day 1933, Stanford executive David Lamson found his wife, Allene, dead in their Palo Alto home. As the only suspect, he became the face of California's most sensational murder trial of the century.

After a judge sentenced him to hang at San Quentin prison, a team of Stanford colleagues stepped in to form the Lamson Defense Committee. The group included poets Yvor Winters and Janet Lewis; as well as the Sherlock Holmes of Berkeley, criminologist E.O. Heinrich. They managed to overturn the verdict and incite a series of heated retrials that gripped and divided the community.

Was Lamson the victim of aggressive prosecutors, or was he a master of deception whose connections helped him get away with murder? Author and Stanford University alum Tom Zaniello meticulously examines the details of this notorious case and its lingering legacy in his new book. Join us February 22 at 6:30pm, where Tom will be doing a book signing and discussion of the case, then peruse the historic Fallon House afterwards which will be open for visitors to explore.

Admission:

Public - \$5 at the door

History San Jose Members - Free

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Fallon House:

175 West Saint John Street

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The Fallon House was built in 1855 by one of San Jose's earliest mayors. The Victorian mansion showcases 15 fully-furnished rooms typical of the Victorian period. Thomas Fallon was a frontiersman in the John C. Fremont expedition, and Carmel Fallon was the daughter of one of the most prominent Mexican landowners in California.

About History San José:

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