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See Inside the Ammon House in East Hampton The scene of the infamous 2001 murder recently sold for \$8.35 million.

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59 Middle Lane in East Hampton, New York was the scene of financier Ted Ammon's headline-making murder in 2001. The home, which his children inherited, sold in December.

The six-bedroom house sits on 2.2 acres in East Hampton.

Ammon was found bludgeoned to death in the home in 2001, court documents report.

"Fifty percent of people would rule it out because of the history," listing agent Judi A. Desiderio of Town & Country Real Estate told the Wall Street Journal. She said that after some potential buyers learned about the house's past, which she was legally required to disclose, they "wouldn't even go in."

Because of that, Desiderio said the buyer got "an incredible deal" on the house.

He or she paid \$8.35 million for the estate in December (the title was put in an LLC and the buyer's identity has not been reported).

Still, she said the home needs a full renovation.

The buyer, whom Desiderio said "was one of several tenants that absolutely fell in love with the house while they were there," is now considering whether to gut-reno-vate the house or tear down it down and start anew. "It needs a lot of work," she said.

The 7,000-square-foot English Manor-style home was first listed for \$12.7 million.

The price was then chopped to \$11.7 million, followed by \$10.995 million.

A documentary produced by Ammon's adopted son, 59 Middle Lane, tells the story of the murder.

It also explores twins Greg and Alexa Ammon's search for their birth parents in Ukraine.

The twins were the sellers; their mother, Ted Ammon's estranged wife Generosa, died of cancer in 2003.

Her reported lover, Daniel Pelosi, was convicted in 2005 of Ted's murder. He is serving a prison sentence of 25 years to life and maintains his innocence.

It previously rented for around \$250,000 per summer.

"We had three tenants that fell in love with it and wanted to buy it," Desiderio said, "but the family wasn't ready to sell" until last year.

The home comes with a heated swimming pool.

Whether the structure stays the same or gets razed remains to be seen.