On This Day in 2020: A Bungalow Fire in Tampa, Florida

When Guenther gave the house in Southeast Seminole Heights to Torres and his sister several years ago, he had a request: He wanted to live out the rest of his days there. He’d inherited the house from his father, and Guenther and his wife Gladys had lived there since the early 1970s. Gladys took her last breath there in 2011.

Guenther’s claim of innocence caused a cease in trials in Italy, even as he serves a life sentence in Florida and Italy. He is kept under house arrest at his retirement home in the early 1970s and lived there with his girlfriend for many years. Guenther said he inherited the property in 1972. When the trial ended, Guenther and Gladys were joined by Enrico Forti, his former best friend. They were among several people who had been charged with the murdering of an Italian man. Forti, a Miami-Dade county jail coordinator, had been charged with a drug-related crime and later released from prison.

Forti’s case is not widely known in the United States, but journalist Bob Somerby said his work had been covered by several news outlets. "Forti was never arrested, but he was convicted of an attempted murder," Somerby said. "He was convicted in Italy, but he was never extradited to the United States."