

OPEN NINTH:

CONVERSATIONS BEYOND THE COURTROOM

TRAILER: THE SHOOTER, THE VICTIMS, THE AFTERMATH

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>> **911 OPERATOR:** 911, what's your emergency?

>> **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** There's been a shooting at the Orange County Courthouse.

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>> **SPEAKER 1:** Back in 1984, there was really no security at the doors, the public could come in at any entrance. There were bailiffs and not court deputies. Most of them kept their weapons secured in another location.

>> **NARRATOR:** On January 10th, 1984, the quiet southern town of Orlando, Florida, was changed forever by a single gunman. Lasting no longer than a few minutes, Thomas Provenzano opened fire taking one life and changing countless others.

>> **SPEAKER 2:** Mr. Provenzano came in the front door and something just struck me as incredibly wrong.

>> **SPEAKER 3:** And made eye contact with me and just -- you know, I had chills go up my spine.

>> **NARRATOR:** It was one of the first modern-day mass shootings in any courthouse and left one dead, two permanently injured, and thousands shaken to their core.

>> **SPEAKER 4:** Around 10:20 in the morning, I heard shots and I saw an individual standing there holding a shotgun. He had just fired the shotgun. I drew my weapon and shot him.

>> **NARRATOR:** The Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida presents a weekly three-part podcast beginning January 17, 2018. From courthouse visitors to sitting judges, learn about life before the shooting and how the actions of one man changed those lives forever. Listen to the full series on openninth.fm for firsthand accounts of that tragic day.

>> **SPEAKER 5:** I just came down here to be grateful and to say how thankful I've always been that these guys would put their lives on the line for us.

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