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Number's Up

In and out of prison for over 20 years, **Magadien Wentzel** hardened into a **cold-blooded criminal**. He killed and raped in the name of **The Number**, a notorious system by which the inmates of South Africa's prisons organize themselves. In an exclusive, **3rd Degree** tells the story of a man grappling to integrate into society.

Growing up in an abusive foster home, poor and facing a bleak future, Wentzel turned to crime and soon ended up in jail. In **The Number**, he found the acceptance he had yearned for. He quickly rose in the ranks to become leader of the **28s**, one of the three gangs operating in the country's prisons. During this time he ordered numerous hits on informant inmates and the warders he despised.

His time in prison has been captured in the pages of Jonny Steinberg's gripping book *The Number*, in which the author outlines the origins of this 100-year-old practise amongst prisoners. Today he is a free man. His parole ended just after the release of this extraordinary book.

But can a community and family that once feared this man, welcome him back? Can Magadien Wentzel survive outside the gangs and the prison walls? We tell the remarkable story of one man's conflict - within himself and the community that once rejected him. **3rd Degree, Tuesday 21 June @ 8pm**, only on **e!**

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