

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Murder of Smith Sarah



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Report of the opening of the investigation :

Thursday March 11, 2021, arrival at the Smith House, following a telephone call from Mr John Smith at 11:30 pm.

On the kitchen floor, we note the death of Miss Sarah Smith. The body is brought by the paramedics to the institute for autopsy.

The investigation is open.

Description of the crime scene:

- Sarah Smith died at her home in her kitchen
- The corpse is surrounded by blood with several traces of broken glasses on the ground
- There is no sign of forced entry
- The apartment seems intact, everything is in order, no burglary

CLUES AND EVIDENCE

Evidence n°1

Broken glasses on the floor. They were found on the kitchen floor next to the corpse.

Clue n°1: Digital trace of John Smith's phone

03/03/2021 - 11:00 am - call to Charles Travis

07/03/2021 - 01:12 pm - call to Charles Travis

10/03/2021 - 10:03 am - call to Charles Travis

11/03/2021 - 10:30 am - call to Charles Travis

11/03/2021 - 09:00 pm - call to Sarah Smith (his wife)

11/03/2021 - 11:30 pm - call to 911

Clue n°2: Digital trace of Charles Travis' phone

07/03/2021 - 08:00 am - mail to John Smith

RDV: confirmation of an appointment in the medical office

Clue n°3: John's appointment diary

11/03/2021 - 3:00 pm - Kate Brown

11/03/2021 - 4:00 pm - Alan Green

11/03/2021 - 5:00 pm - Robert Miller

11/03/2021 - 6:00 pm - Susan Bones

11/03/2021 - 7:00 pm - Victoria Young

11/03/2021 - 8:00 pm - William Moore

11/03/2021 - 9:00 pm - Charles Travis

11/03/2021 - 10:00 pm - Mary White

We checked with the patients and John Smith was at every appointment. The secretary said that after finishing his last appointment and tidying up his desk, he left the clinic at 11pm.

TESTIMONIES

Testimony n°1: Neighbors

"Sarah Smith is an uneventful woman with a zest for life. She took care of herself and those around her. But, for a few months, she had been receiving a man in her home while her husband was away at work!"

Testimony n°2: John Smith

"On the day of murder, I woke up at 7:00 am in the morning next to my wife who was still asleep. I went to take a shower and I had breakfast, and that's when she joined me. I left for work at 8:00 am. As usual, I have too much work and I didn't come home for dinner so I made a phone call to my wife to warn her. At 11:30 pm, I arrive at home, I see my wife lying on the floor all around. I try to reason with her by calling 911 directly afterwards. At a party, a certain Olivier James made advances to my wife but she refused. I don't know where he got her phone number."

Testimony n°3: Olivier James
<p>"I know Sarah Smith very well, I would never have been able to hurt her because I love her! I even waited for the divorce with her husband so that I could get with her."</p>

To gather more information, we searched our previous unsolved cases. A case similar to ours took place three years ago, Jade Johnson victim of strangulation also and stabbing but by chance and intervention in time, she survived. What caught our attention was that Jade Johnson looks like our victim physically, an extremely wealthy woman. It could be a serial killer who attacks rich women.

Testimony n°4: Jade Johnson
<p>"I don't remember my attacker because he wore a mask."</p> <p>During the interrogation, Jade showed fear in her eyes. She did not tell us the whole truth. After about ten minutes, she agreed to tell us everything.</p> <p>"My attacker is actually Charles Travis, a young man that my father sheltered after the death of his own father. I grew up with him until he graduated from college. Whenever we had the chance, he would extort money from me by blackmailing me. I got tired of it and he tried to murder me. I didn't tell you the truth because I was afraid of him."</p>

Charles Travis is our next suspect, he is had a history of dealing with drug trafficking and spent five months in prison, but he is never been arrested for murder. We get a warrant, we go to this apartment and big surprise we discover Charles Travis lying unconscious on the ground. His apartment was strange, with hand-drawn drawings of pencils along the wall and scary dolls. In this apartment, there were toxic pills that make you lose your mind and balance. His doctor, who is John Smith, claimed he was suffering from

mental illness by saying that he hasn't seen Charles for four months and he has nothing to do with the toxic pills found.

Testimony n°5: second testimony of John Smith

When we asked John for the second time about his patient Charles Travis, he told us what really happened.

"For a few years, things were not going well between my wife and me, she deceived me so I was destroyed inside. I felt that she loved me no more and I felt nothing either on my side. Deep down I find myself trapped even if we made everyone that we were the perfect couple and that's when I had an idea to free myself from our toxic relationship. So I organized and ordered the death of my wife."

He finally explained that he had drugged Charles Travis with pills that make crazy. He sent his patient to the Smith House, while he stayed at the clinic. Sarah Smith opened the door for Charles, and she must have wanted to get him a glass of water, seeing him in his condition. Because of her resemblance to Jade Johnson, Charles killed her.

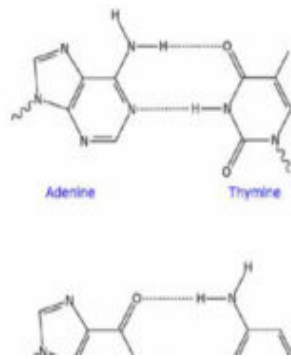
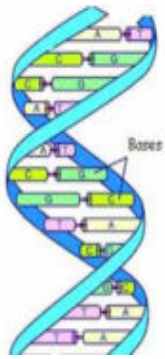
AUTOPSY REPORT

Sarah Smith died at around 10pm. We found some evidences of his death on his body:

- traces of hands on his neck
- strangulation victim
- 3 stab wounds in the chest
- no evidence of rape

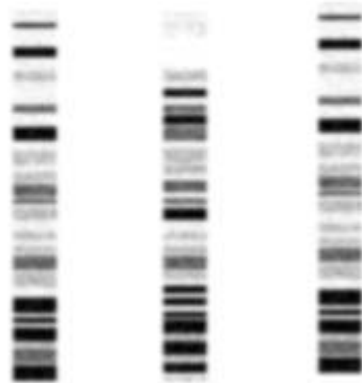
We collected DNA from the shattered glass on the ground. We reasonably believe that the victim used the glass to injure his attacker. Indeed, the blood on the shards of glass did not belong to the victim. We have compared the DNA found with that of John Smith and Charles Travis.

DNA sample:



DNA analysis found at the crime scene

Trace
suspecte Suspect 1 Suspect 2



DNA comparison of the two suspects

Suspect 1: John Smith, Suspect 2 : Charles Travis

As the victim had time to struggle before falling unconscious, we also looked for the attacker's DNA under the victim's nails. We found Charles Travis' DNA there too.

When Charles was unconscious, he was taken to hospital and treated by the doctors.

They showed us violent scratch marks on his neck, and shattered glass injuries to his head. This is compatible with what was found at the crime scene.

Conclusion of the autopsy:

The victim was strangled and unconscious. She died after 3 stab wounds to the chest, at 22:00 pm. She tried to hurt her attacker with a glass. The shards of glass found at the scene were covered in the blood of Charles Travis, the second main suspect in the investigation.

CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION

John Smith married extremely rich and powerful, all he has is thanks to her whether it be the big house or the luxury life. With the agreement signed during the marriage, if he leaves her, he will have nothing on the other hand if she dies, all his fortune belongs to him. He decided to develop a plan to eliminate it. When he met Charles Travis he realized that he was already suffering from a slight mental disorder, Charles Travis admitted to him that he had already attempted to murder a woman because he was attracted by her looks and money, It is as if the woman Charles described was his, from where he came this plan. He gave Charles Travis toxics for the troubled one more. He just had to put him in touch with his wife, he would invite him to dinner all the time. It was only a matter of time before his plan fell through.

So John Smith drugged his patient, Charles Travis, to carry out his plan so that he could inherit his wife's fortune.

PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION

Witnesses and suspects will have to appear in court.

Sarah Smith Victim Wife of John Smith	38 years old Married No children Heiress of a large luxury store
John Smith Suspect Husband of Sarah Smith	43 years old Married No children Doctor, therapist
Olivier James Witness Knowledge of the victim	40 years old Celibate No children Owner of a garage
Jade Johnson Witness Victim of an assault	36 years old Married 2 children Fortunate Woman
Charles Travis Witness Charged in the case "Jade Johnson" Patient of Dr John Smith Killer of Sarah Smith, under the influence of pills given by his doctor	29 years old Celibate No children Unemployed