

Samhain Case Interview 3

Interviewing Officer: Det. Sgt. Luke Duffy Interviewee: Stacy Murphy Location: Garda Headquarters, interview room 14

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Det. Duffy: How long have you worked at The Nest Stacy?

Murphy: Coming up on, hmm, jesus must be four years now. Time flies!

Det. Duffy: So it would be fair to say that you know the ins and outs of Kilbride better than most?

Murphy: I probably know more about the locals here than I want to know, and definitely more than they'd want me knowing!

Det. Duffy: Was Sinead Byrne a regular at the pub?

Murphy: I wouldn't say a regular, but I see her a couple of times a week I reckon.

Det. Duffy: How would you describe Sinead?

Murphy: Oh I mean we didn't chat all too much, but she seemed like a nice girl. Definitely turns a few heads here in the village.

Det. Duffy: In what way?

Murphy: Well I suppose I mean there'd be more than a few lads around here trying to get to know her better. Not that she was looking for attention, mind you, she was just a natural beauty!

Det. Duffy: Do you remember seeing Sinead on Halloween night?

Murphy: Hmm, no, I don't recall seeing her at all. I was working in the pub all day and it got pretty crazy in the evening, so if she came for a drink she was sneaky about it!

Det. Duddy: Did Sinead ever come to the pub with any guys?

Murphy: She's been in a couple times with the handyman, Colm, alright. They seemed like good mates. They were in last week in fact, giggling about some spider movie they'd both seen, *Arachnophobia*, I got itchy just hearing them talk about it.

Det. Duffy: Anyone else?

Murphy: Not that i can think of,

off the top of my head.

Det. Duffy: Can you think of anyone in the village who may have wanted to hurt Sinead?

Murphy: Nothing serious like that I don't think. I know she sure didn't get on well with that Greene woman, but it doesn't take much to make an enemy out of her. So much anger for such a small lady. Apparently she got so wound up one time that someone was gonna take a solo she wanted in the church choir, it nearly came down to fists! Fucking mental.

But it's big Jim that would keep me up at night to be honest.

Det. Duffy: Big Jim?

Murphy: Sorry, I mean James, James O'Sullivan, runs the local butchers. Took a fancy for Sinead.

Det. Duffy: Was Sinead a friend of his?

Murphy: Oh he wishes! Jim isn't the kind of guy who has friends. He comes in here regularly enough, doesn't say much. Sits by himself. Often conveniently arrives soon after Sinead will come in you know what I mean? Gives me the creeps to be honest.

Det. Duffy: Can you tell me a bit about Halloween night. Did you notice anyone from the bonfire at The Nest?

Murphy: Yeh well it was hard to miss em. I think they were handing out creepy old school looking masks at the festival, so those who made their way here when it was over stood out from the rest of the crowd!

Det. Duffy: Anyone in particular?

Murphy Hmm, I noticed Colm Driscoll coming in about 915pm, holding one of the bonfire masks in his hand, think it had horns or something but I'm not sure. Ordered himself a beer and gave me a nod. Couldn't have had a chat with him even if I wanted to, place was rammed.

Det. Duffy: Do you recall seeing him leave?

Murphy: Well, I wish I was paying more attention to be honest. I definitely spotted him when we called last orders around 11 o'clock, think he left after that.

Det. Duffy: Do you recall anyone else? Anything strange?

Murphy: Tony Greene was in before Colm, was probably about 9pm. Had a dog mask on I think, and he looked even more stressed out than he usually does. Always a bit cagey when the wife's not around. I remember thinking it was odd he didn't even order a pint, but went right to the back of the pub to a table with three other lads. Shady looking fuckers. Definitely not locals.

Det. Duffy: And when did Tony leave?

Murphy: I honestly can't say. The whole place was heaving so I was worked off my feet all night. Pretty sure him and his weird mates were gone before we locked up, I defo would have noticed those guys heading out at the end of the night.

Det. Duffy: And what about this butcher fella, big Jim, any sign of him?

Murphy: No I don't think so. Even in that madness he stands probably a foot and a half above everyone else so he's not exactly discreet.

Det. Duffy: We appreciate you taking the time to chat to us today, and if you remember in the future anything all you think could be useful in our investigation, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Murphy: Of course, you'll be the first to know!

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