



# Samhain Case Interview 6

Interviewing Officer: Det. Sgt. Luke Duffy

Interviewee: James O'Sullivan

Location: Garda Headquarters, interview room 14

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**Det. Duffy:** Can you state your name and your occupation for the record please.

**O'Sullivan:** Sure thing. James O'Sullivan. I am a butcher.

**Det. Duffy:** How long have you lived in Kilbride, Mr. O'Sullivan?

**O'Sullivan:** I've lived here my whole life.

**Det. Duffy:** And you live alone, isn't that right, above the butcher shop?

**O'Sullivan:** That's right.

**Det. Duffy:** Do you recall what you were doing on Halloween night?

**O'Sullivan:** Oi don't know, I guess I was just in the shop, sweeping up, cleaning some of the grinders and prepping some cuts for the morning after.

**Det. Duffy:** So you didn't attend the bonfire at any point?

**O'Sullivan:** That's not really my kind of thing.

**Det. Duffy:** With a case like this we always look to criminal reports and records in the area. A case was brought against you a year and a half ago isn't that right, James? Stalking, harassment, and ultimately breaking and entering?

**O'Sullivan:** That's right yeh.

**Det. Duffy:** You stalked a local woman, took pictures of her from a distance, and even entered her home when she wasn't there only to steal some of her underwear. Am I right in those details James?

**O'Sullivan:** That's right yeh. But the case was dropped, and I was given a warning to keep my distance.

**Det. Duffy:** I can see that in the report alright. What is your relationship with Sinead Byrne?

**O'Sullivan:** I know she lives up in the cottages. She's been in to the butchers a few times. That's about it.

**Det. Duffy:** You tried delivering meats she ordered to her home in person a few times is that not right?

**O'Sullivan:** That was a misunderstanding. I was just trying to help. She's got a lot on her plate.

**Det. Duffy:** Pretty girl right? Friendly?

**O'Sullivan:** Sure yeh she's not bad looking.

**Det. Duffy:** Probably a bit lonely too, especially having lost her husband at this time in the year only a few years ago.

**O'Sullivan:** Well I don't know about all that.

**Det. Duffy:** Our investigation came across muddled footprints in Sinead's back garden. Whoever left those footprints had quite large feet. Would you be comfortable providing some of your work boots and regular shoes for police analysis? That was we could rule you out.

**O'Sullivan:** You don't need to do that.

**Det. Duffy:** And if we insisted?

**O'Sullivan:** Okay, listen. I was in her garden sure. Halloween. Before the bonfire. I just wanted to get a peek in her window. Nothing else. I swear I had nothing to do with anything else. I just needed to get a peek.

**Det. Duffy:** You understand how trespassing in the garden of a murder victim potentially only hours before the event in question is not a good look.

**O'Sullivan:** I know I know but I swear. I just like to look. I would never go into anyones house if I knew they were in it. Never. I just like to look!

**Det. Duffy:** Maybe you didn't realise she had got home. Maybe she surprised you while you were creeping about her house, thinking you were alone.

**O'Sullivan:** It's nothing like that I swear! Even if I wanted to I wouldn't have dared go near on Halloween night. Too many people.

**Det. Duffy:** Do you think there was anyone who had a reason to want to do harm to Mrs. Byrne?.

**O'Sullivan:** Well I've heard about Tony Greene's wife mouthing off about her at mass a few times. That poor woman thinks everyones our to get her man.

**Det. Duffy:** Well we appreciate you coming in for a talk today, and if you recall anything else strange or peculiar that Sinead may have spoken with you in the last few weeks, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**O'Sullivan:** Of course yeh.

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