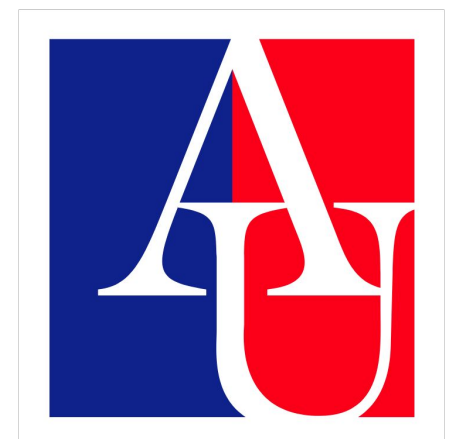


Atlanta Child Murderer

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Executive Summary

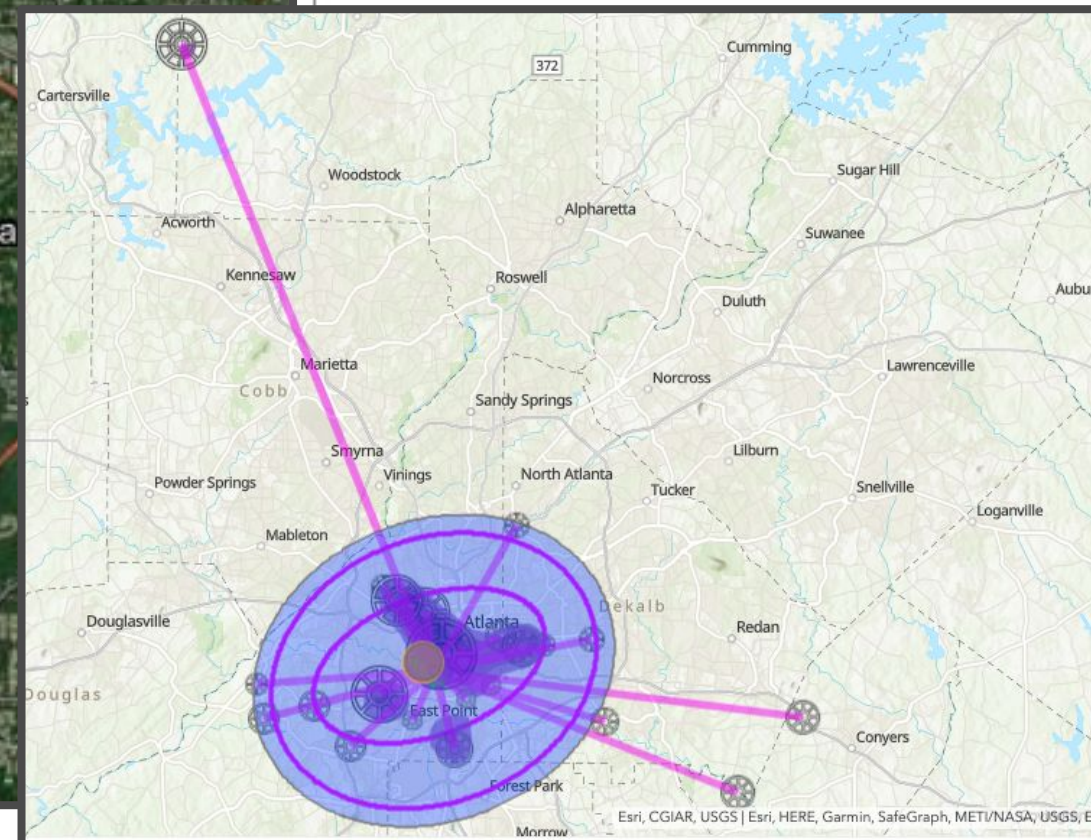
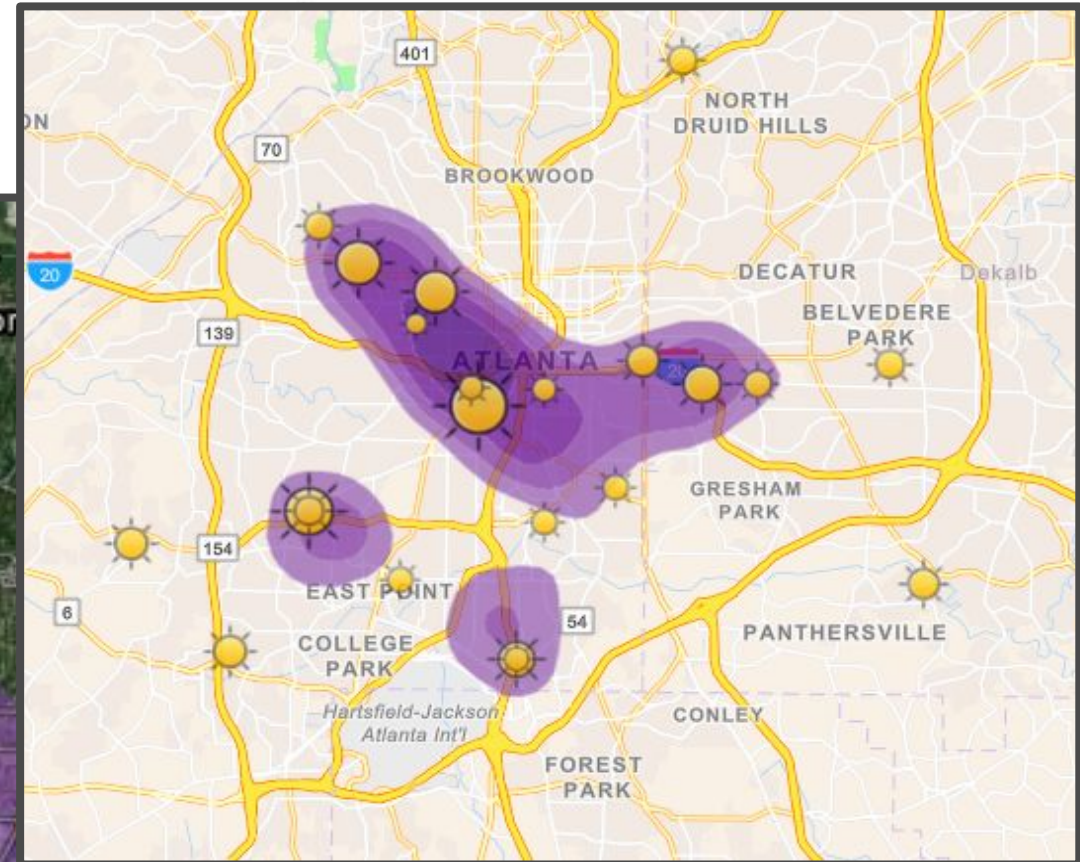
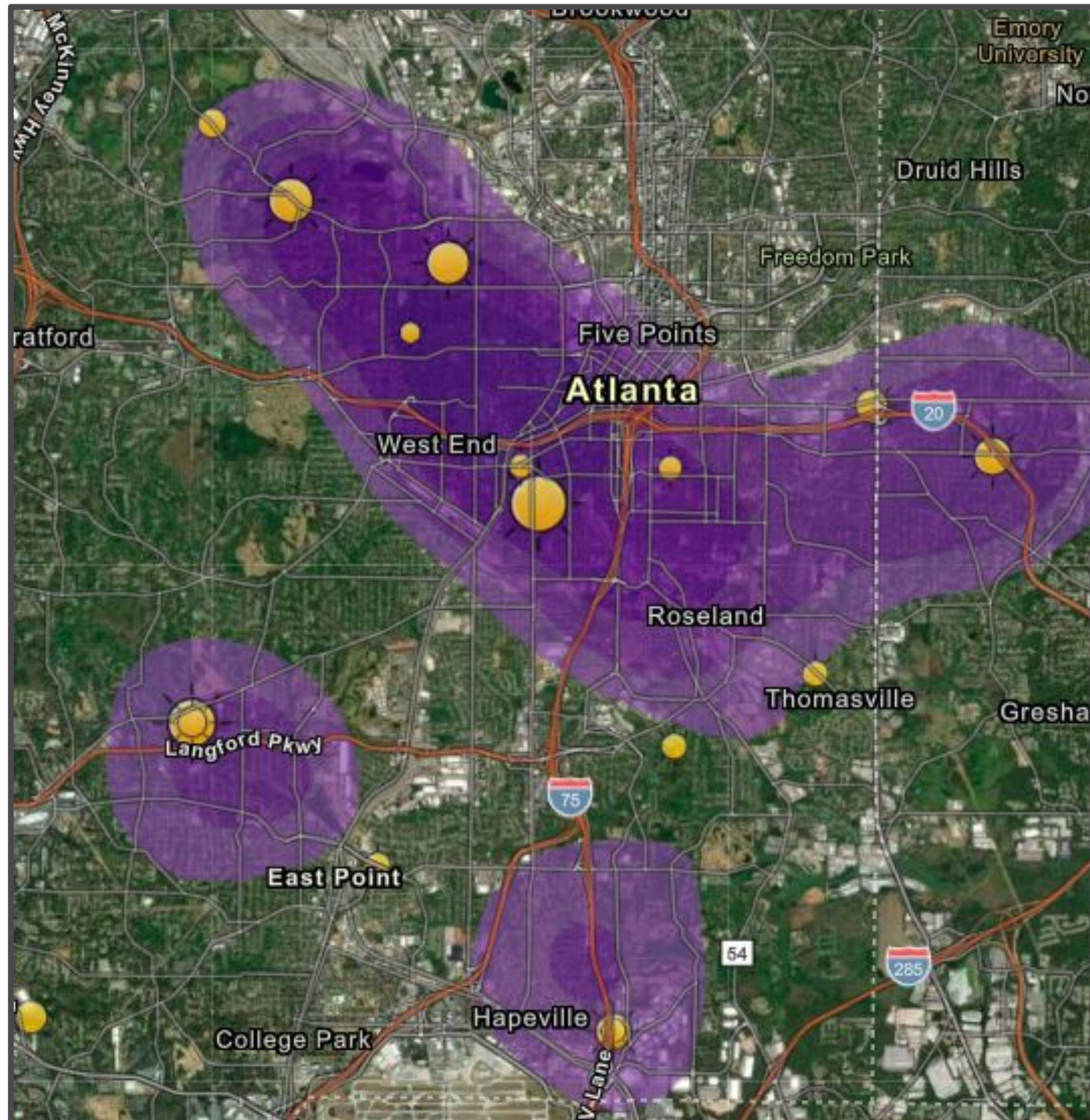


This series includes the murder of **28 African-American adolescents** in the **Atlanta** area. The suspect is a **Black male in his early twenties**, who uses the ruse of talent scouting or photography as a way to approach victims.

The perpetrator has begun to target **older** adolescents as the series has progressed, with **crimes accelerating over time**.

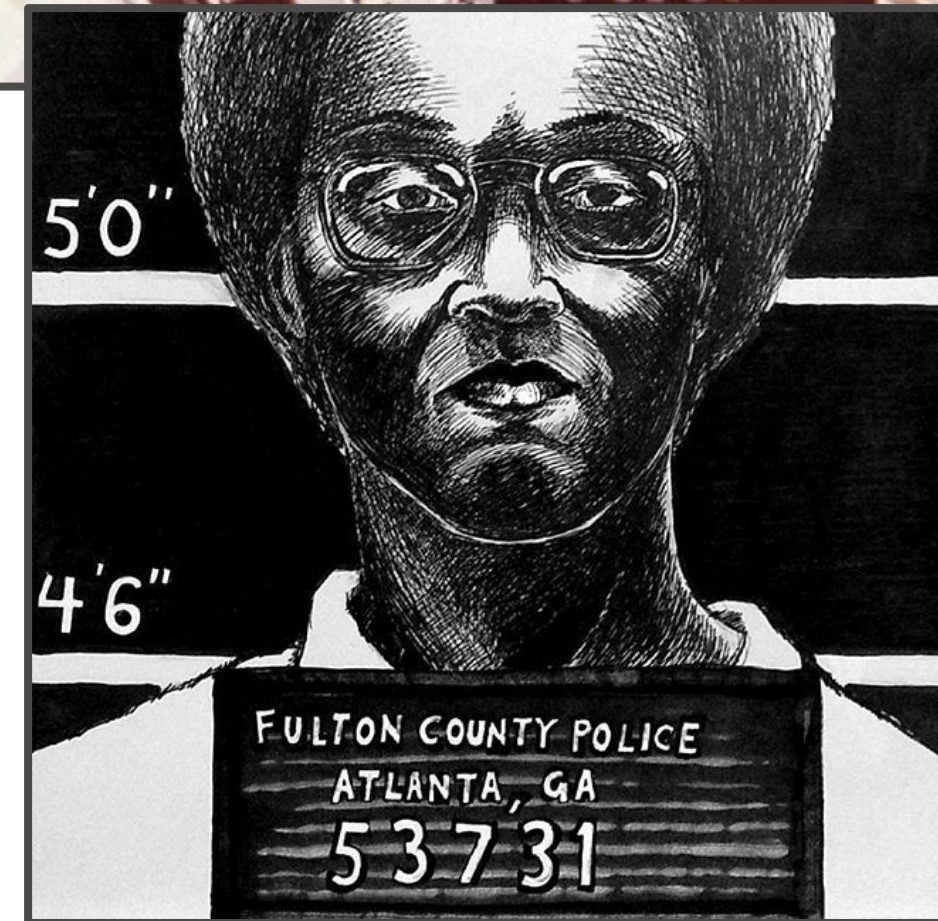
Our department needs to concentrate resources on **catching him in the act of disposal** of the bodies in the river, as well as **inform Black adolescents** about his tactics of talent scouting to lure them.

Area Orientation



Behavioral Analysis

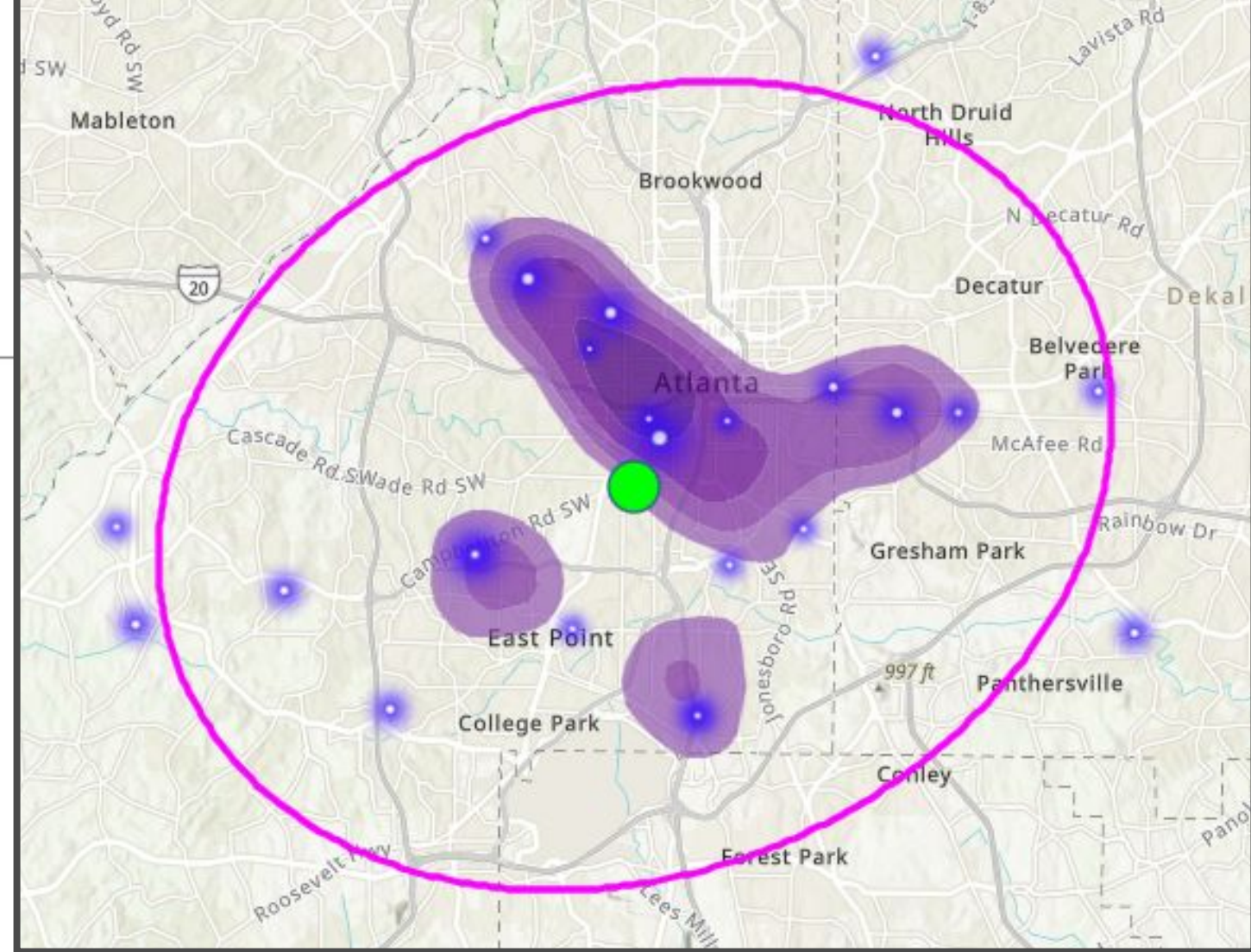
- The suspect has been identified as a young Black male in his twenties
- He murders his victims most often with his hands, occasionally using a knife or firearm, and exclusively targets Black male victims
- Bodies are dumped in Chattahoochee River
- There is a total of 28 murders, starting in July of 1979 up to present day (May, 1981)
- Victim age range: 7-28 years old, average victim age of recent crimes is 20 years old



The archetype for this series would be the murder of a Black adolescent male in the Atlanta area by hands, in which the body is dumped in the Chattahoochee River shortly after the murder.

Spatial Analysis

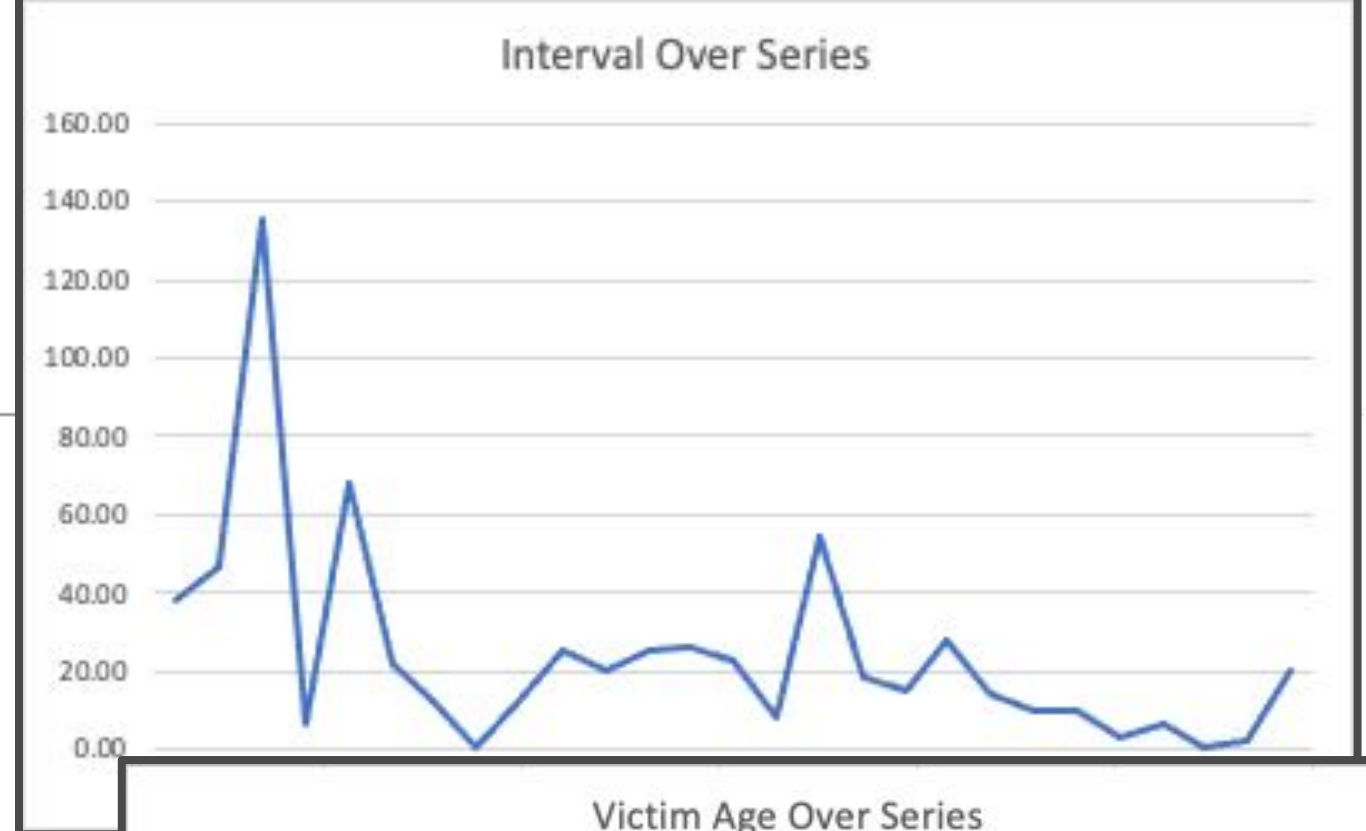
- 95% of his crimes occurred within the ellipse
- 75% of his crimes occurred within Atlanta proper
- Macro: Doesn't cross state borders, stayed within Georgia
- Micro: Targeted areas with high population of Black youth in Atlanta, and the hunting grounds cross neighborhoods, but stay in Atlanta
- When looking at the centroid, there is a loose pattern of two closer crimes to the centroid, and then one further away
- As the series continues, we see further movement away from the most recent crime



This series is concentrated in Atlanta proper, with a target of areas that have a high population of Black youth, increasing distance between crimes as the series progresses. In the future, we predict a murder that is about 11-20 miles away from the previous murder in Atlanta.

Temporal Analysis

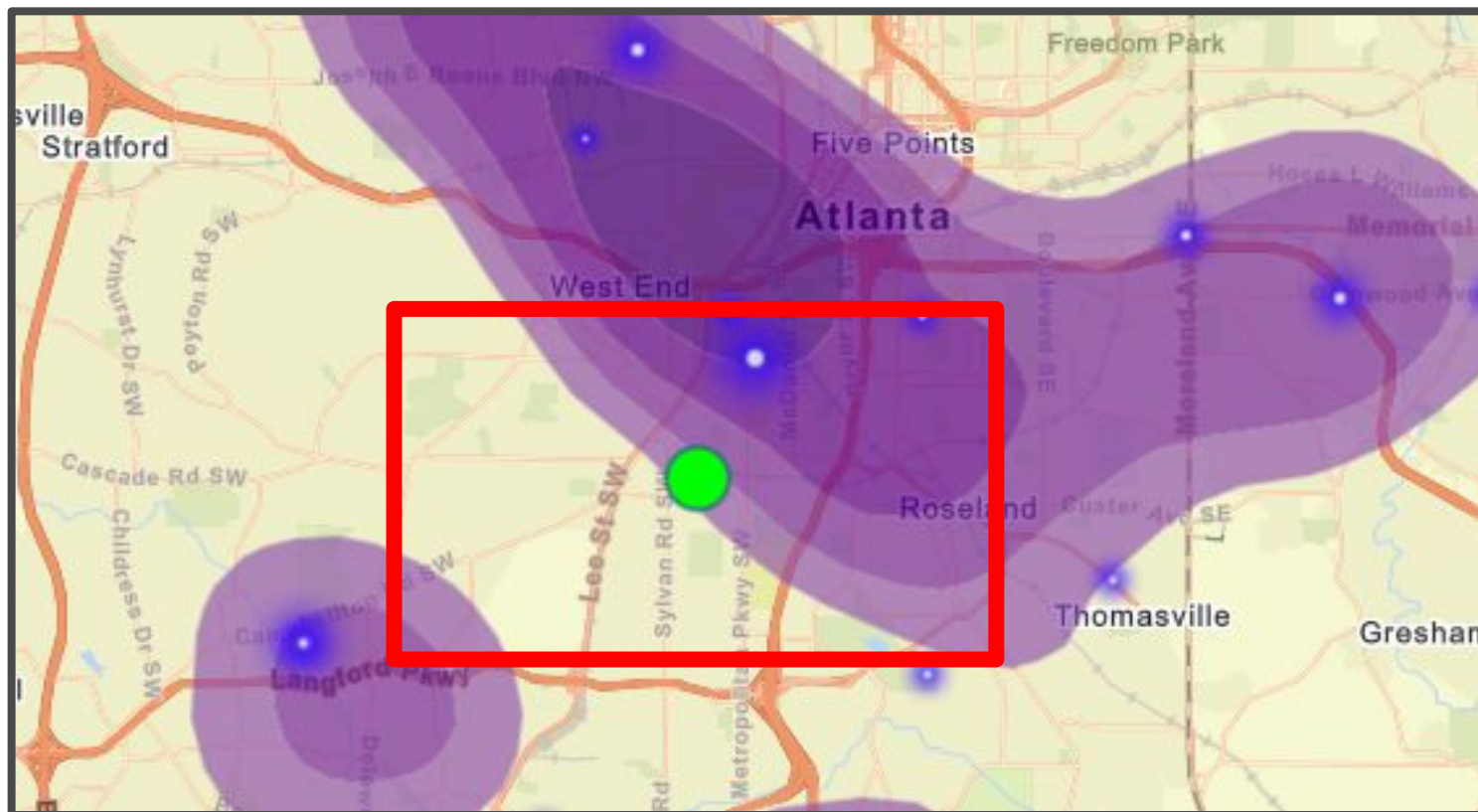
- The interval between crimes has decreased in the past recent crimes from an average of 24 days to an average of 8 days in between crimes (accelerating over time)
- 27 total murders have been connected
- Almost half the crimes have occurred on a Sunday or Monday
- Victim age has increased over the series, with a recent average victim age of 20 years old



The interval between crimes has decreased rapidly, with an interval of only 8 days. The next murder is likely to take place on a Sunday or Monday, around 5/20-5/26, with the victim being a Black male in his twenties.

Intervention Strategy

- The most predictable elements of this series are a young black male victim in his twenties, as well as the location of the crime in Atlanta with a body disposed of in the river
- Interception of suspect when disposing of the body on a bridge over the river, have officers staked out at bridges near Atlanta on the Chattahoochee



- Prevention efforts could be warning young Black males about his tactic of talent scouting, staying vigilant against this, never being alone, etc.

Conclusion

This is a series of almost 30 murders of young Black adolescents in the Atlanta area.

Based on the previous patterns, the next crime is expected to happen between 8 and 14 days from his most previous crime (between 5/20 and 5/26), and the body is likely to be disposed of in the river.

We can intervene the body disposal and catch him trying to clean up his crimes, as well as inform the community to stay vigilant, alerting law enforcement about any suspicious behavior.