

## **Nightclub Murders**

The Night Cats nightclub in Centervale has not created much of a problem for the police for the past five years, but recently, it has become a priority location for homicide detectives.

Three women are found dead on separate nights at the nightclub. Two of them are known prostitutes and regular drug users, and their autopsies reveal traces of semen in their mouths. All three victims have heavy traces of Rohypnol in their blood.

### **The Investigation**

The investigating detectives believe that there is enough evidence of this being the work of a serial killer. The deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) report reveals that the semen found in the two victims is from different donors.

The detectives interview the male employees on duty on those nights. One of them is Jonas, the manager's nephew, who has lost his brother to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), contracted through sex with a prostitute.

During the interview, Jonas is nervous and shows signs of hedging, a well-known sign of lying. When threatened with a search warrant for the locker he keeps at the nightclub, Jonas confesses to drugging the women and murdering them.

Jonas has been so distraught over the death of his brother that he hates prostitutes. The first two victims had been obvious prostitutes. He had seen the third victim walking out with a male patron and assumed she was a prostitute as well.

### **Role of the FBI**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) provides detailed statistical data regarding assaults and murders, as well as murder weapons and any drugs involved in the murder scene. This data is national, but can be examined locally as well.

The profiler uses this data to look for patterns and similarities between the murders and other similar crimes in Centervale or other geographical areas. The profiler also examines known murderers or offenders who are imprisoned or who may have been released from custody prior to the events of this case.

### **Role of Profiler**

The fact that all the victims were found at the same location has been the most helpful in solving the murders in a timely manner.

When profiling victims, it is very helpful to find out everything possible because anything can become relevant at different stages of the investigation. The location is most important because it puts the suspect at the scene. Though other information in this case is helpful, it is secondary. It is the fact that the suspect was also at the nightclub that helps narrow the list of possible suspects.

The profiler questions why the serial killer kept coming back to the nightclub to commit the crimes when there are plenty of other places to find potential victims without as much risk of apprehension.

**Role of Forensic Psychologist**

In cases like this, defense attorneys often hire forensic psychologists to conduct detailed mental health evaluations of their clients.