

The Bower Case

Jerry Bower, a single man living on Center Street, is arrested for the murder of five young boys from Centervale. The investigation of Bower's case is handed to Detective Doug Marshall, the most experienced interrogator at the Centervale Police Department.

The Investigation

It is found that Bower had previously been arrested and sentenced on charges of contributing to juvenile delinquency and was released from prison only recently. He also has a history of child molestation.

Bower is suspected of the rape and murder of the five boys. In his previous arrest, the Centervale police had missed the opportunity to investigate his behavior as a sex offender. Bower is arrested again and interrogated by Detective Marshall.

Role of the FBI

Prior to arresting the suspect, the police detectives thoroughly review all the arrest records and criminal activity in the immediate and surrounding areas. They compare the crime scene details with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) database on similar crimes.

Role of the Profiler

The radex model of criminal differentiation is quite useful here. The profiler would examine both the general and unique aspects of the crime scene, the identities (similarities and differences) of the victims, and their relative location to each other. The profiler would then examine all potential suspects and reviews their proximity and relationship to the victims.

The profiler works in partnership with Detective Marshall during the preliminary investigation when a suspect is not yet identified.

Role of the Forensic Psychologist

Once the suspect is arrested, the forensic psychologist is immediately hired by the defense attorney to determine any mental health needs. If there is no report of the evaluation, the information is not "discoverable" by the prosecutor.