

Sexual Abuse: Investigation of Rape, Sodomy and Murder

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Abstract

In the world there is widely increased of the sexual offences, this is the serious problem in every society. It has not only put permanent stains on the victim but as well as her entire family into degrades and shame. The progressive number with the sexual assault being targeted on woman, infants, homosexuals and animals, by the different manner of assault style like Sodomy and the killer is male. Many children, sadly become victims of sex-related homicides perpetrated by the very persons who are supposed to protect them from evil. There are four categories of rapists are power reassurance, power assertive, anger retaliatory, and anger excitation. It is important to bring justice to the society and should fear the consequences the criminals will face. We present a case study which will bring about the important facts and figures of how forensic science is helpful to give conclusions to the cases. In some cases the criminal profile has been discussed suggesting psychiatric and psychological analysis of the sexual offender in such heinous crime.

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Introduction

Sexual abuse is a very common obstacle in every society. It typically includes unwanted and inappropriate sexual solicitation of, or exposure to, a women mostly are of Child which is done by person through genital touching or fondling or penetration in terms of anal, oral or vaginal intercourse or attempted intercourse. In India sexual offences are covered in different sections of Indian penal code and it does not distinguish between adult and child victims. In the case of Rape, it is a natural offences which comes under section of 375, I.P.C. which states that the unlawful sexual activity and any sexual intercourse which is carried out forcibly or under the threat of injury against a person's will or with a person who is beneath a certain age or incapable of valid consent because of mental illness, mental deficiency, intoxication, unconsciousness, or deception. Although, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012, which has been recently drafted to strengthen the legal provisions for the exploitation and protection of children from sexual abuse, defines a child as any person below the age of 18 years and provides protection to all children under the age of 18 years of the offence of sexual assault, sexual harassment, and pornography. There are multiple reasons for the drastic increase in rape cases. The number of unemployment, peer pressure or influence, number of under aged desires or fantasy and psychological issues is few reasons that can be named [1].

Women and children all around the world are vulnerable to the most curl form of behavior known as sexual assault. This is the most in human manner of crime which is seen to be most injustice. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), MHA, Govt. of India report of the year 2017, it is known that every 20 minutes, a woman is raped across the India. About 70% cases of sexual assault which have been targeted over the infants. The form of sexual attacks is getting intense and tremendous in different ways [2].

The another sexual abuse is done by unnatural ways, which is called as Sodomy, which comes under the section 377 of I.P.C. It is the anal intercourse between two males, or between a male and female. It is called gerontophilia when the passive agent is an adult, and pederasty, when the passive agent is a child, who is known as catamite. Sodomy is a sexual activity which is found to be strong activity which is found as strong attack, which are social as well as a religious crime. It is led by the failure of teeming the disciple of all sorts of sexual desires [3].

For the proper investigation of murder and rape cases, the investigative officer (I.O) and forensic team need to be look over the undisturbed crime scene after the incident and start the collection of the evidences take place to link between the victim, crime scene and the suspect for the triumphant investigation. They should ensure that they barricade the area and seal the area. Ensure that appropriate evidences are being sent with the proper chain of custody.

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Case Study

On Tuesday, July 11, the nude and battered body of Margaret, a 43-year-old, white female, was discovered in the basement of her home by her 21-year-old son, Jeremy. Her daughter, Angela, became concerned when she couldn't reach her mother by phone. She had gone to the house earlier that day. When she did not receive an answer to her knocks on the door, she contacted Jeremy. Jeremy, who had moved out of the house on Friday, July 7, had relocated in an adjoining town, and had a key to the house. Responding to Angela's call, Jeremy went to his mother's house. Using his key, he entered through the back door, which had been locked. He proceeded into his mother's bedroom and found the room in slight disarray with various dresser drawers open. The telephone was on the bed with the cords ripped out. He also noticed that one of the pillowcases from the victim's pillows was missing. He then walked through the house looking for some note or message from his mother. When he entered the basement area, he discovered his mother's nude body lying on the basement floor with a pillowcase over her head and her hands and feet bound. He immediately realized that she was dead and called 911 [4].

Police response

The initial response to the crime was by the Pontiac Police Department, who subsequently requested the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to assist both in the crime scene process and the subsequent major case investigation. The Pontiac Police Department worked jointly with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department on all major crimes. Detective Sergeant William Harvey of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department eventually became the officer in charge of the homicide investigation, which occurred in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, in the State of Michigan [5].

Description of crime scene

The scene was described as a single story, white house located on the north side of Peacock Street. The victim was described as a white female, later identified as Margaret. Her body was found in the southeast corner area of the basement floor. The victim was lying on her right side. Her body was totally nude and a multicolored pillowcase had been wrapped around her head and tied at the neck area with a telephone cord. Her hands were tied very tightly with telephone cord, which had been knotted. Her feet were also tied tightly together with telephone wire. There was a pooling of blood, which appeared to emerge from the head area (Figure 1). There were also signs of a struggle in the area where the victim's body was lying. The north-side basement window, above a washtub, was found open and a dark-colored paint chip was found on the basement floor just in front of the washer. The basement wall, just below the opened basement window, had spray painting on it, which was recognized by investigators as some type of gang graffiti. There were also signs of a struggle in the northeast bedroom [6].



Figure 1. Body at scene: The victim's body was totally nude and her head was covered with a pillowcase and her hands and feet were bound.

Autopsy findings

An autopsy was conducted on July 12 by a Deputy Chief Medical Examiner for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office. The cause of death was listed as blunt force head trauma. The autopsy findings [7].

Discussion

Rape is definitely a substantial issue in the community with a lot of political influences, ignoring the victim rights for justice. Thereby, the importance of bringing all the evidences to be a strong case for the victim. It is a justification for the public society with prevention and control with these issues. With the cases provided shows the stringent requirements for the significance of having forensic science in the legal system. Rape murder is a complicated issue which is found in the present cases. It is unbelievable to perceive under what situation the rapist after sexual gratification could kill the girl. However, in such case the accused are required psychiatric analysis to know more about their criminal behavior. The strong limb for the cases with to be brought about is with the significant evidence. Mass communication plays an important role to make the number of awareness for the society. With the advancement in science now it's possible to bring the justifications and provide stringent measures day by day.

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