The Murder of Ann-Marie Pomphret Case Study

Truth Unlocked - *Linguistic Analysis & Training*

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THE CASE

On 2nd November 2018 at 9:47pm the husband of Ann-Marie Pomphret made an emergency call to police. Ann-Marie had been murdered in the stables near their house. What followed was an investigation which Cheshire Police described as the largest in their history to find her killer. Little did they know that the killer was in plain sight. The emergency call contained vital information which just needed the expertise to unlock the case.

Police Investigation:

5 MONTHS
Investigative Time

1300
People Investigated

480
Vehicles Investigated

300
Addresses Searched

24 DAY
Underwater Search

2KM
CCTV Footage Radius Reviewed

£ 44,769
Avg police officer salary pa

Truth Unlocked Analysis:

1 DAY
Report <1 Day

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CHALLENGES

In any murder investigation, police are faced with a mountain of evidence to deal with - the crime scene, collecting statements and dealing with family and friends - could they be potential suspects? Eliminating or implicating is a fine balancing act if they are related to the victim, but many investigations involve this as a core dynamic. For us as linguistic analysts, we consider the emergency call to be the very first 'interview'. We are able to discern if the caller may be the perpetrator or not - our analysis will help focus an investigation.

ANALYSIS

1 Speed - Analysis Report within a Day.

We consider an emergency call the first 'interview', and crucial to any case. Analysis of the emergency call helps eliminate or identify potential suspects. It was clear from our analysis that David Pomphret, the caller, was in fact the murderer.

2 Huge Investigative Time & Cost Savings.

David Pomphret was interviewed 15 times by police, later describing him as a 'very, very convincing liar'. Our Report identifies and clearly explains the inconsistencies in his account, and the key markers implicating him as the murderer.

3 Investigations Laser-Focused

'Clearing the ground' by eliminating or identifying those close to the victim is crucial. Truth Unlocked provides the solution to save investigators' valuable time and resources.

CONCLUSIONS

Truth Unlocked provides forensic-level linguistic analysis of statements and interviews to determine truth and commitment. Our analysis ensures resources can be concentrated properly, suspects can be eliminated or implicated with non-invasive, non-confrontational techniques which deliver fast and focused investigations. Our review of this case when the emergency call became available after the trial confirms that had we been employed to analyse the emergency call and initial interview, huge amounts of time and resources could have been saved.

Linguistic Case Analysis

Linguistic Training

Investigative Support