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Overview

From August 24th to September 1st of 2012, there were three murders committed in the Louisville, KY area. All three murders shared similar characteristics as demonstrated below with over homicides in Richmond, VA; Savannah, GA and Lexington, KY – which have been repeated with a recent homicide in Grovewood, FL. It is assumed that the perpetrator is a single individual which will be discussed in the Profile section.

Timeline

- 1.1. Lexington, KY
 - 1.1.1. Disappearance and murder of Carl Gottlieb (5/12/12 – 5/14/12)
 - 1.1.1.1. The first murder is characterized with a crude “magic circle” and death by hypovolemic shock from a severed jugular vein. The body showed signs of captivity and pre-mortem abuse.
 - 1.1.1.2. Leads from LEO dried up within three weeks. Forensic evidence was minimal: no fingerprints, no murder weapon.
 - 1.1.1.3. There is no clear motive for the abduction and murder. No ransom was placed, nor was anything taken from the body post-mortem. There was nothing in the victim’s past to indicate that anyone would want to see him dead.
 - 1.1.2. Murder of Bethany Eadman (5/13/12)
 - 1.1.2.1. The second murder appears to be a ‘blitz’-style attack with a similar circle. The body shows no sign of pre-mortem abuse.
 - 1.1.2.2. Similar to the first one, there is no clear motive and with the narrow timeframe, financial motives are ruled out.
 - 1.1.2.3. No evidence left behind and nothing in the victim’s past would lead to her assault and subsequent murder (no EPOs taken out against anyone, no history of abuse from boyfriend).
 - 1.1.3. Murder of Walter Callen (5/15/12)
 - 1.1.3.1. Another blitz attack with an unfinished circle this time. No witnesses have come forward at this time. There are signs of a scuffle with a second individual, but at this time there are no leads as far as an identity.
 - 1.1.3.2. Walter Callen was living at a half way home for recovering addicts. According to officers on the scene, Mr. Callen had a history of slipping out late at night to try to gain access to illegal substances.
- 1.2. Louisville, KY
 - 1.2.1. Disappearance and murder of Meredith Chao (8/24/12 – 8/26/12)
 - 1.2.1.1. Signs of ritualistic abuse on the body, pre-mortem – cuts on the fingers, left eye removed, breasts removed and genital mutilation. Circle found at the murder scene is more elaborate. Sent pictures to Professor Terry Braun in Rhode Island for advice. His response is detailed in ‘Profile: Occult’.
 - 1.2.1.2. Cause of death was hypovolemic shock brought on by severing the carotid artery. Blood was used to paint the circle, identified as victim’s blood through tissue typing.

- 1.2.1.3. Victim had no known enemies, took out no EPOs against anyone. Boyfriend was questioned, but soon released. Purse, wallet and keys were recovered at the scene.
- 1.2.2. Disappearance and murder of Albert Madicker (8/27/12 – 8/31/12)
 - 1.2.2.1. Albert was an abducted child (Case number 179237531), recovered after a period of four years. The abduction and murder were of a similar fashion to the murder of Meredith Chao, including ritualistic pre-mortem torture and an elaborate occult circle.
 - 1.2.2.2. The only departure from the event was the method of execution. Albert suffered blows from a blunt instrument to the back of the head – debris lifted from the wound demonstrate that the weapon used was an aluminum bat that can be found in any major department store. No leads turned up on to purchase of a murder weapon.
 - 1.2.2.3. No identification was found at the scene. Identity confirmed by wife of the deceased and fingerprint records. The circle at the scene was more advanced than at the first set of murders.
- 1.2.3. Murder of Richard Cooke (9/1/12)
 - 1.2.3.1. Another blitz attack. No circle. Wallet and car keys missing. Credit cards remain unused and were frozen when the body was found. Identity confirmed by parents and dental records. Victim has several priors: assault, assault and battery, drunk and disorderly conduct, indecent exposure – nothing to indicate any organized crime or gang affiliation.
 - 1.2.3.2. Car was found on 1-64 West abandoned. No other prints found save Richard Cooke's. Char marks on the driver's side floorboard, shaped like foot prints.
 - 1.2.3.3. Multiple stab wounds in the chest – some of them appear to be cauterized.
 - 1.2.3.4. Body was found in an alley known to the LEO as trouble area during the weekends, particularly when University of Louisville is active.
- 1.3. Richmond, VA
 - 1.3.1. Disappearance and murder of Allan Hammond (10/3/12 – 10/6/12)
 - 1.3.1.1. The body was recovered in the banks of the James River. A circle was found painted in one of the rocks – this one very elaborate. The victim was held down and drowned rather than exsanguinated. There was evidence of pre-mortem torture – lacerations about the groin, chest, missing fingers and genitals. No finger prints were recovered from the body, but there is a char mark on the back of the head that resembles a hand.
 - 1.3.1.2. No priors, no EPO on file. Wallet, credit cards and car keys were recovered at the scene.
 - 1.3.1.3. Dust and debris recovered from under the toenails of the victim have been linked to the abandoned Cloverleaf Mall. Subsequent canvassing and stake-out of the mall returned no further clues.
 - 1.3.2. Murder of Laurel Rollen (10/12/12)
 - 1.3.2.1. Abducted when returning home from the grocery store late at night – groceries were found in the car with a time stamp of 7:46 PM on the receipt. No skid marks from the victim's car, no other recent tire tracks found on the scene. Body shows no signs of abuse and is associated with an ongoing investigation of charges of tampering with crime scene evidence and abuse of a corpse. Cause of death was a single stab through the second and third ribs with a heated metal object.
 - 1.3.2.2. Laurel Rollen was involved with an assumed missing person's case, but found three days later wandering her subdivision with no memory of what happened. Medical exams show no evidence of assault or abuse.
 - 1.3.3. Abduction and murder of Tammy Hawthorne (10/14/12 – 10/18/12)

- 1.3.3.1. Victim was abducted from her home in the early morning of Oct. 14th, she never showed up to work. Subsequent investigations turned up nothing until the 18th, where the body was recovered. Pre-and post-mortem abuse has been exhibited on the body with the removal of breasts, hands, mutilation of the genitals, and disembowelment. Cause of death was shock from disembowelment and from evidence gathered, Mrs. Hawthorne was conscious through a majority of the time. The circle present is the same as found at the death of Allan Hammond.
- 1.3.3.2. Nothing was missing from the home – wallets, keys, credit cards and safe were untouched. Bank account was frozen per protocol, but there were no attempts to access it remotely. There were no signs of forced entry into the home.
- 1.3.4. Murder of Randal Hawthorne (10/14/12)
 - 1.3.4.1. This murder is incidental to the abduction of Mrs. Hawthorne. The victim shows signs of a struggle and defensive wounds from a heated metal object. Cause of death was several stab wounds to the face and chest, puncturing the heart, lungs, orbital socket, and cheeks of the victim.
- 1.4. Savannah, GA
 - 1.4.1. Abduction and murder of Olivia Harrish (2/18/14 – 2/23/14)
 - 1.4.1.1. Victim was abducted from River Bank High school in the late afternoon. The body was found on the banks of the Wilmington River on the 23rd. As with the other homicides the body shows extensive pre- and post-mortem abuse, a ritualistic circle of blood determined to be the victim's and little evidence.
 - 1.4.1.2. Cause of Death was hypovolemic shock due to both the carotid artery and jugular veins being opened in a standard maneuver used by the military to silence a sentry. The amount of blood used to make the circle was considerably less than what is in the human body. One theory (supported with the positioning of the body in the water) that the victim was forced into the water and her throat was cut there.
 - 1.4.1.3. The victim had priors in her juvenile records, sealed when she turned eighteen.
 - 1.4.2. Abduction and murder of Daniel Joseph (2/25/14 – 3/2/14)
 - 1.4.2.1. Victim was last seen going to work as a waiter in a high-end restaurant. He was last seen leaving his place of employment heading back to home.
 - 1.4.2.2. The pre-mortem torture was only several designs cut into the body. Pictures of those signs were sent to Professor Braun and his comments are in the Profile: Occult section below. The circle was a less elaborate one painted around the victim
 - 1.4.2.3. Cause of death was shock brought on by third and fourth degree burns. Accelerants such as kerosene and gasoline with dissolved bits of Styrofoam were used in the fire. No ignition device was found on the scene.
 - 1.4.3. Abduction and murder of Carla Lasenby (3/3/14 – 3/6/14)
 - 1.4.3.1. Carla was last seen entering her apartment the night of the 3rd. Her body was discovered in the apartment on the afternoon of the 6th when she missed work and did not call her parents.
 - 1.4.3.2. Cause of death was suffocation by plastic bag. Post-mortem laceration wounds are consistent with a heat metal object – shards of metal and bits of melted plastic match the composition of a set of kitchen knives, missing the largest knife.
 - 1.4.3.3. Interviews with the victim's friends and family indicate that Carla was into the 'New Age' movement, and often sold 'magical charms' over the Internet. We are still following down this lead, but so far there is nothing to indicate anything out of the ordinary: no refunds, no angry posts or retaliatory comments.
 - 1.4.4. Abduction and murder of Marcus Easten (10/27/14 – 11/2/14)

- 1.4.4.1. Marcus Easten had turned up missing on the 27th after failing to report for work. Subsequent interrogations revealed that Mr. Easten had no enemies or rivals to seek him harm. Although he had – according to two co-workers – ‘a lover’s quarrel’ with his boyfriend (who is no longer a suspect) concerning late night activities at a club known to be frequented by transvestites. Follow-up questions at the club indicated that a red-headed individual was seen talking to Marcus (aka ‘Marleen’) shortly before they left the club.
- 1.4.4.2. Where the body was found, there were tattered clothes identified as the costume for ‘Marleen’. Pre-mortem torture: removal of the victim’s tongue, genitals, eyes and ears was present. Post-mortem markings consistent with prior homicides were present on the body. The circle was simpler than previous ones, but consistent with previous incidents. Identification was completed using dental records and DNA samples gathered at the scene tested against known DNA gathered at the apartment.
- 1.4.4.3. The body was located in the old Global Ship Systems shipyard and foundry on the banks of the Savannah River.

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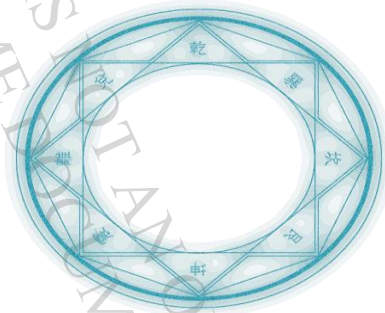
- Suspect is male, late twenties to early thirties.
- Suspect has a college degree, or some post-secondary education.
- The suspect is highly organized and rational in execution of the murders. This shows no sign of destabilizing in any subsequent attacks.
- The cooling off period is inconsistent and growing rather than shrinking: three and a half months between the Louisville and Lexington attacks, while 29 months went by in between the Richmond and Savannah attacks.
- There is no overly sexual component to the attacks. The people were not chosen with any sort of body shape consistency. While the genitals were removed or mutilated, this seems to be part of the ritual and not an end to itself – as in the Dahmler case, for example.
- Given the symbology found on the bodies and the crime scene murders, we can conclude that the suspect is paranoid schizophrenic with religious components.
 - Themes of persecution and separation are present:
 - The occult symbols are primarily used to ‘open gateways’ into other realms or to invite others into this realm. Someone using these sorts of portals wants to attract the attention of someone more powerful to do the caster’s bidding. Failure to ‘attract’ is often blamed on the caster’s impiety.
 - Messages found at the scene all seem to ask for help: “לי תעזור, פילגש” found at the Gottleib has been translated to ‘Mistress, help me’. “Nitenti mei: eripe me ab hoc saeculo” was translated to ‘My shining lady, take me from this world.’ And was found in the outer part of the circle in the Tammy Hawthorne crime scene. Similar phrases are found at all of the ritual attack sites. It can be assumed that the suspect feels that he is being kept here against his will.
- There is no other evidence linking murder victims. The suspect has not developed a love map or any sort of fetish for the victims. They range from an 18 year-old woman (Olivia Harrish) to a 37 year-old professional (Tammy Hawthorne).
 - Even the methods of execution will vary, along with the different styles of attack break this down into two distinct patterns:
 - Ritual attack which is accompanied some sort of pre-mortem torture, post mortem mutilation and method of execution being some sort of bloodletting.
 - Blitz attacks which do not have the religious component. These attacks (Richard Cooke, Walter Callen and Carla Lasenby) appear to be some sort of retribution or retaliatory attack, due to the sudden and violent nature of the assaults. Given that two of the victims of the blitz attack have prior offenses, this would seem to be the case.
- Any strong-arm or intimidation tactics to force the suspect to turn themselves in will fail. Any attempt to coerce them into giving up must be framed within and offer to help with their dilemma.
- Approaching the suspect must be done in a calm manner – the blitz attacks demonstrate that the subject does have greater than average strength.
- Interrigation and getting a confession must be handled in a sympathetic manner. Using antagonistic tactics (‘good cop/bad cop’) will end up with the suspect closing off all communication.

Occult Monograph
Dr. Terry Braun, Ph.D

I have had a chance to review the evidence given to me by Special Agent Talon. I have been asked to give my opinion about the perpetrator and reasoning of these crimes through the symbols. The pictures listed below are to demonstrate what I believe the suspect was trying to do – they are not actual crime scene photographs, for which I thank Agent Talon for sparing me some of the more gruesome images. However, there are carvings in the bodies of the victims that I had to look at in order to match up pictures for this monograph. Those pictures – much to my sorrow – are going to haunt me for days.

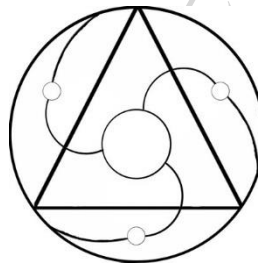
The earliest circle was nothing more than a double circle (one nested in the other) of salt and blood. It appears to be a very simple conjuring one would use to summon a servitor of a greater being – an imp in service to Lucifer as an example. The writing above and below the circle is Latin: “Salvum me mater”: “Save me, Mother” – a common enough prayer.

A later circle, shown below:



Is a circle known to those who practice Oriental Occultism – again, a simple circle to bring a creature from ‘the other side’ to here. Most of these sorts of spells are to make a creature serve at the caster’s whim – perform three tasks and be released. While obviously, the tales of summoning are more the product of a creative (or inebriated) mind and cannot work; the suspect seems to believe that the circle will work provided the right one can be found.

The circle at the Hammond case:



Is another simple circle, but its location means that the suspect was trying to invoke something specific – a minor servitor called a nixie bound to a river god. This is backed up by the location of the circle (near a river) and the method of execution (as told to me by Agent Talon): drowning. The old tales, particularly the Eddas and other tales of the North, are replete with drowned offerings to various sea gods

in return for a safe voyage. Is this what the suspect was trying to summon? Safe passage through the water to somewhere else? It would look to be as the case.

The circle found at the Joseph homicide is another elemental sort of circle (referring to the Four Classical Elements of Earth, Air, Fire and Water). This circle, which I recreated at home as the crime scene pictures were too gruesome to look at for long, was found:



This circle and the accompanying flames were to summon a djinn – a being of fire from the old Arabian tales. They were fabled for granting their summoner three wishes, but perverting their intent usually to disastrous consequences. Rather than being a cautionary tale about letting your eyes be bigger than your stomach as my uncle would have said – the summoner in this case seemed to be willing to put themselves in jeopardy to get a wish fulfilled. This is more along the lines of someone seeking eternal doom for their enemy rather than tonight's winning lottery numbers.

Also on the body were several symbols:

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These symbols are found in the famous *Keys of Solomon* – an occult volume of some great notoriety. The purpose of these symbols is to summon certain angels to watch over the caster. Apparently the summoner felt that if Allah could not help, then Jehovah might be willing to intercede. These symbols, and many others that have come across my desk in the past few days tell me something about the one committing these crimes. It is of my opinion that this person is deeply disturbed, and believing that he can summon angels or spirits to do his bidding. That and the general prayers and formulae found at the scenes would tell me that this person wants to go somewhere else beyond the bounds of our mundane existence. I cannot be too thankful in that such things do not work in our rational world. For some of the later circles proved to be successful, the creatures brought through are things borne in the fevered imagination of my city's famous son: H. P. Lovecraft. What would come through those openings (if the tales are true) would be creatures of such power and horror that suicide and the following plunge into the Inferno would be a better state to befall one's immortal soul. That is the smallest comfort that I can find in this.

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