

Who Dun It? The Case of People v. Normal ...

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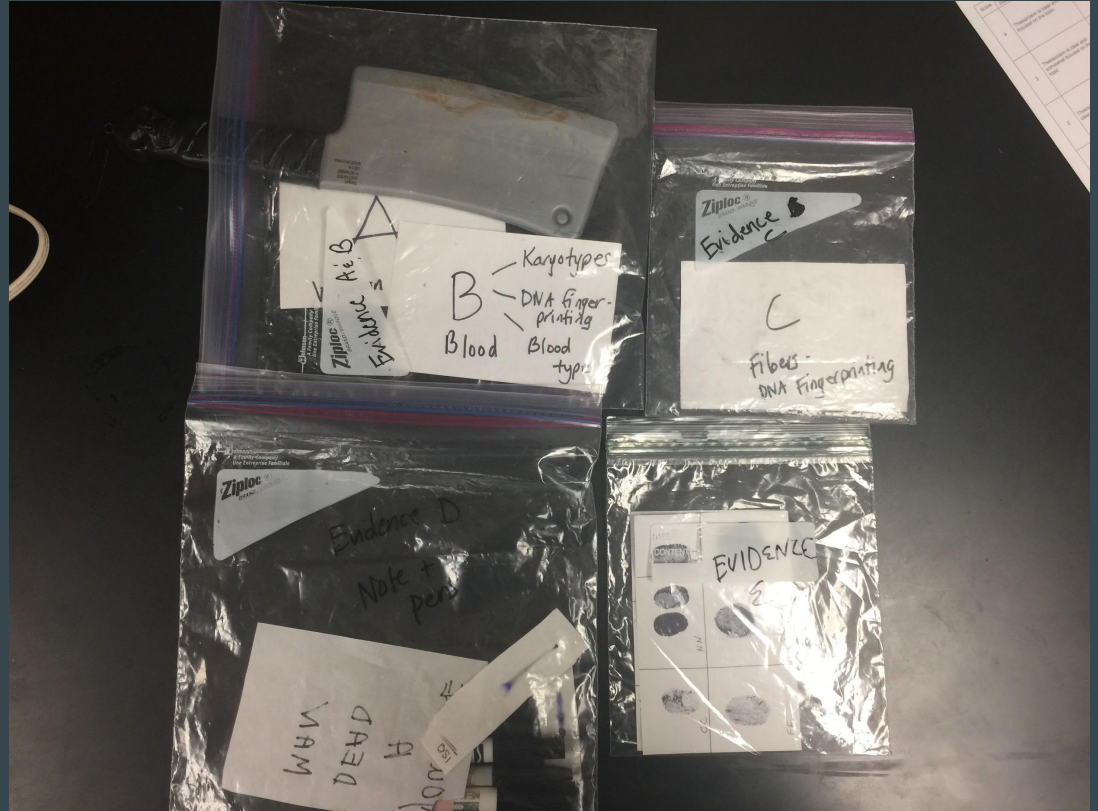
Background:

- Carelton Comet was brutally murdered on October 16th, 2016 at 7:35 PM, following a 30 minute picnic with five individuals:
 - Theresa Terra
 - Fred Flimmer
 - Glen Glee
 - Sam Sophomore
 - Nancy Normal
- Nancy Normal was one of those five individuals attending this picnic.
- Five pieces of evidence were collected from the crime scene (Exhibits A-B).



The Exhibits:

- A: The Murder Weapon, a knife
- B: Blood found on the murder weapon
- C: Hair fibers found on murder weapon
- D: Threatening note found at the crime scene
- E: Fingerprints found on the murder weapon, as well as fingerprints of the suspects



Jury Instructions: Murder

First Degree Murder:

Premeditated murder; the killer had a prior plan to kill the victim and has thoughts of malice.

Sentence: Life in prison

Second Degree Murder:

The killer has intention to murder yet has no prior plan, but rather is caught in a “spur of the moment” type situation and is fully aware of the killing taking place.

Sentence: 15 years to life in prison

Third Degree Murder:

Voluntary manslaughter; the killer has no prior intention to kill but the murder is triggered because of a circumstance or discovery in the moment.

Sentence: Up to 10 years in prison & fines

Fourth Degree Murder:

Involuntary manslaughter; the killer has no intention of harm or death towards the victim, and often takes place because of an accident such as caused by the killer or something they are at fault for, such as criminal negligence.

Sentence: 10 to 16 months in prison & fines



**The People of the State of California seek to
formally indite Nancy Normal with the charge of
murder in the 1st degree**

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Evidence 1: Fingerprint Procedure

A fingerprint was found on the murder weapon. Fingerprints from the victim and suspects were obtained and compared to the fingerprint found on the knife.

Evidence 1: Fingerprinting Results

Name	Fingerprint match?
Theresa Terra	Negative
Fred Flimmer	Negative
Glen Glee	Negative
Sam Sophomore	Negative
Nancy Normal	Positive
Carelton Comet	Negative

Evidence 2: Blood Sample Procedure

Samples of blood were obtained from the crime scene (Exhibit B) were taken. Blood samples were obtained from the victim and the suspects. The samples were compared to the blood samples found at the crime scene in a lab. Antigens A and B were added to the blood to test the blood type and, judging by the reactions to the antigens, determined whether the blood type was A, B, AB, or O.



Evidence 2: Blood Sample Results

Name	Blood Type
Theresa Terra	A
Fred Flimmer	O
Glen Glee	A
Sam Sophomore	O
Nancy Normal	A
Carelton Comet	O

Evidence 3: Karyotyping Procedure

Photographs of the chromosomes from the cells of each suspect and the victim were taken and matched together. Each chromosome was matched by band number, length, and if it was X or Y shaped, and compared to the karyotypes of cells found at the crime scene.



Evidence 3: Chromosome Disorders Results

Name	Chromosome Disorder
Theresa Terra	Down Syndrome
Fred Flimmer	XXY Syndrome
Glen Glee	None
Sam Sophomore	XYY Syndrome
Nancy Normal	XXX Syndrome
Carelton Comet	XYY Syndrome





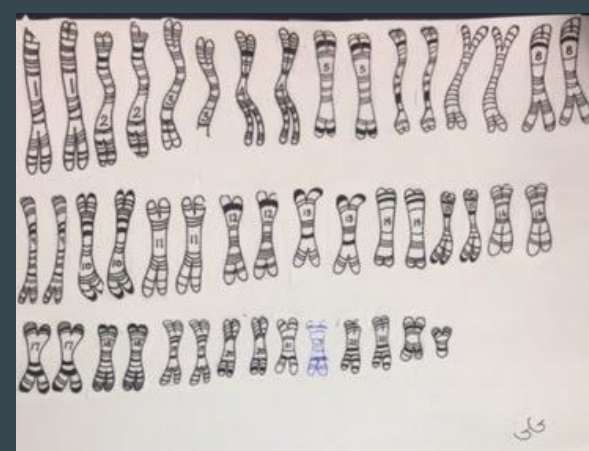
Theresa Terra



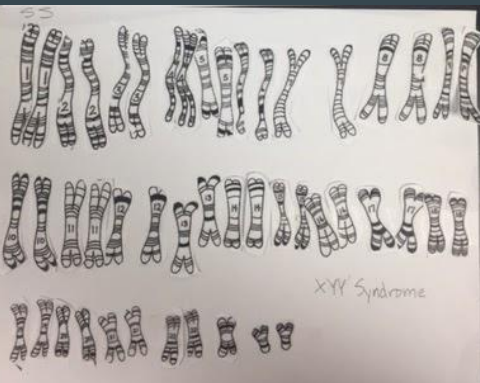
Nancy Normal



Fred Flimmer



Glen Glee



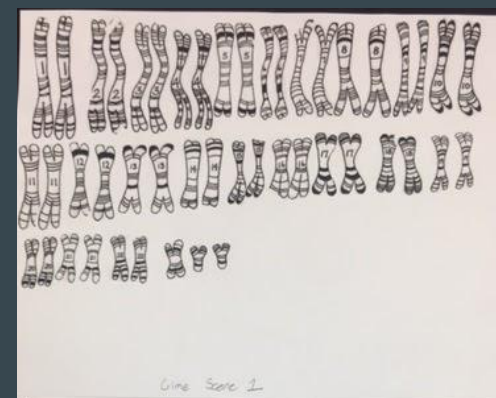
Sam Sophomore



Carelton Comet



Crime Scene 1



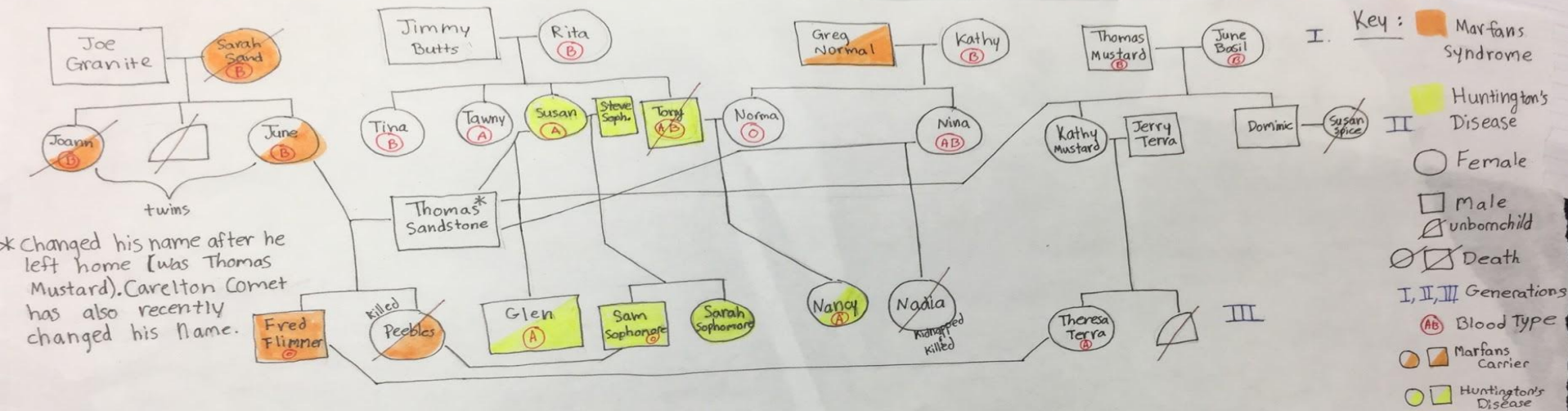
Crime Scene 2

Evidence 4 and 5: Pedigree

A pedigree is a chart showing the relations, death, blood type, and disease history within a family. Multiple families may be shown in a larger chart if connections are stated. Pedigrees were created for each suspect and the victim and then linked together,, as the suspects and victim are related.



Pedigree



Evidence 4: Marfan's Syndrome Results

Name	Marfan Disease?
Theresa Terra	Negative
Fred Flimmer	Positive
Glen Glee	Negative
Sam Sophomore	Negative
Nancy Normal	Negative
Carelton Comet	Negative



Evidence 5: Huntington's Disease Results

Name	Carries Huntington's Disease
Theresa Terra	Negative
Fred Flimmer	Negative
Glen Glee	Negative
Sam Sophomore	Positive
Nancy Normal	Positive
Carelton Comet	Negative

Evidence 6: DNA Fingerprinting Procedure

The DNA fingerprinting procedure is done by producing an agarose gel with wells into which a sample of each suspect's DNA is inserted. An electric current is run through the agarose gel during the process of gel electrophoresis to produce bands of different colors and lengths that are analyzed to see which two samples matched the two samples obtained at the crime scene, therefore placing them at the scene.



Evidence 6: DNA Fingerprinting Results

Name	DNA Fingerprint Color
Theresa Terra	RB
Fred Flimmer	BY
Glen Glee	Y
Sam Sophomore	RYB
Nancy Normal	RY
Carelton Comet	RYB



Evidence 7: Ink Chromatography:

The process of ink chromatography was used to match the ink of pens found at the crime scene to the ink found on the murder note, where an ink dot is put on special chromatography paper and is then placed in a beaker of rubbing alcohol and until a long streak of various ink colors in a unique shape is produced. Then, the results are compared to a color sequence obtained from ink from the murder note. Three pens were found at the crime scene, belonging to Theresa Terra, Nancy Normal, and Fred Flimmer



Evidence 7: Ink Match with Exhibit C (hair fibers)

Name	Ink Match?
Theresa Terra	Negative
Fred Flimmer	Negative
Glen Glee	Negative
Sam Sophomore	Negative
Nancy Normal	Positive
Carelton Comet	Negative

What the Evidence Means

- 1) Nancy Normal's fingerprint was found at the crime scene.
- 2) Nancy Norml has type A blood and A blood was found on the knife.
- 3) Nancy Normal has XXX Syndrome, which could partially explain her motives.
- 4) Nancy Normal has Huntington's Disease, which could also help explain her motives.
- 5) Nancy Normal's DA fingerprint is RY
- 6) Nancy Normal's pen matched the ink of the threatening letter



NANCY NORMAL WAS THE KILLER

Shocking Conclusion: Carelton Comet is Thomas Sandstone

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They both changed their names, their stories match up, and this gives Nancy Normal the motive to kill him.



The Motive: A Story of Revenge and Psychosis

- Revenge:
 - Some of the Defendant's family members have been killed by Comet
 - The Defendant's Cousin Nadia was kidnapped and murdered when Nadia was three years old
 - The Defendant's Father, Tony Sophomore, was killed in a "bizarre gardening accident." It's possible that Comet was involved in this accident
 - Nancy "adores" Fred Flimmer, who was "embarrassed by his father's, Thomas Sandstone's, actions when he killed Fred's aunt and sister. Nancy may have wanted to avenge them to prove herself to Fred, etc.



The Motive: A Story of Revenge and Psychosis

- Psychosis:
 - The defendant has Huntington's Disease and Triple X Syndrome.
 - A symptom of Huntington's disease is psychosis, which causes aggression, violent behavior, and a loss of grip on reality. Huntington's disease can cause psychosis similar to psychosis caused by Schizophrenia, according to the NIH.
 - The loss of grip on reality could have caused the defendant to act on her plans for enacting vengeance upon Carelton Comet.
 - Triple X syndrome also causes emotional imbalances, which could have worsened the psychosis.



Carelton's Crimes (when he was known as Thomas Sandstone:

- Thomas married June and then killed her sister Joan and their daughter Peebles
- Had an affair with Susan and had a son (Glen) which they gave up for adoption



THE END



JK IT'S NOT THE END UNTIL NANCY IS LOCKED UP



Proof of All Other Suspect's Innocence

Theresa Terra:

- Fingerprints do not match crime scene
- Little motivation: Carleton Comet had done little to affect Terra's family, aside from being related to Comet
- DNA fingerprint does not match
- Karyotype does not match crime scene

Fred Flimmer:

- Fingerprints do not match crime scene
- Has O blood type, which matches the blood type of the victim, not the perpetrator
- DNA fingerprint does not match
- Karyotype does not match
- Ink does not match



Proof of All Other Suspect's Innocence Cont.

Glen Glee

- Fingerprint does not match
- Little motivation: Is generally not aware of Comet's crimes. Would have little motivation to enact revenge on Comet.
- DNA fingerprint does not match
- Does not own a pen found in Exhibit C, therefore, he does not have a match with the ink found on the note.

Sam Sophomore

- Fingerprint does not match
- Negative ink match. Does not own pen found in Exhibit C
- Blood Type O, which matches the blood type of the victim, not the suspect
- DNA fingerprint matches the DNA of the victim, not the DNA of the suspect.

