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How to Stop a Serial Killer before He Starts -Part II

The Search in the Cornfield

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USPA NEWS - The area where Sierah's bicycle was found in a field, showed signs of a struggle and items coated in blood.

(USPA) Retracing Sierah Joughin's route home from where her boyfriend last saw her, the Fulton County Sheriff's Department (Ohio) found her bicycle in a cornfield, about a mile from James Worley's house. The scene had signs of a struggle and also retrieved were Ms. Joughin's sunglasses. Other things were found, but the information was not released to the public, until authorities would complete their investigation. Along with Sierah's items, there were a screwdriver, a motorcycle helmet, and another pair of sunglasses. The screwdriver and helmet had blood on them. It was during the initial investigation when authorities came in contact with James Worley, as his home was close by. When meeting and questioning Mr. Worley, it was noticed that he had marks on his arms and bruises on his legs. He mentioned his motorcycle happened to breakdown in the area where Ms. Joughin went missing and he saw several bicycles on the side of the road.

His appearance, history of abduction, and proximity to the crime scene, were enough to obtain a search warrant for James Worley's property. Initially found were ropes and chains, sheets of plastic, a meat hook, among other things. A search of his truck revealed mace, a knit ski mask, and zip cable ties. Found in a barn was a room hidden behind bales of straw. In it were restraints, a freezer that contained blood soaked carpet, and the surrounding walls of the room were coated with blood. Also found were women's panties, one pair was later discovered to belong to Sierah. Mr. Worley was placed under arrest and charged with abduction. A few hours later, Sierah Joughin's body was found in a shallow grave one mile southwest of the Worley property. She was naked, handcuffed behind her back, ankles taped together, and then hog tied with a piece of rope. In her mouth was a ball gag, from which is presumed to be the cause of her death, a death by suffocation. The coroner's report mentions that she was not sexually assaulted. Now that Ms. Joughin was found dead, James Worley was also charged with murder.

Although no one other than James Worley knows how Ms. Joughin was subdued, it is this reporter's theory that on the day Ms. Joughin went missing, she was stopped by James Worley. Maybe bumped like he had done before in 1990 abduction with Robin Gardner. After hitting her with his motorcycle, he could have used his motorcycle helmet to hit her over the head and then stabbed her with the screwdriver he had on hand. In the cornfield he probably left her lie, unconscious, until the sun set and he could move her without being seen. In the meantime, he was able to take his motorcycle home and return to the scene later with his truck. By the time the sheriff's department was called to report Sierah missing, she had been moved to Mr. Worley's property, where she was to endure her torture. Soon after in the middle of the night, the bicycle was found by a sheriff's deputy. Little did they know that Sierah was close by, not able to call for help.

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