

Witness Profile: Officer Susan MacKenzie



Susan MacKenzie has been with the police force for five years. At 10:27am on June 27, she was called to investigate a theft at 446 Centre Street. She was invited into the house by Dana Schroeder who was visibly upset.

Schroeder led the officer into the living room and showed her an empty shelf unit in the corner. The complainant said that her home theatre system was missing. The officer asked her for the make and year of each piece of equipment. The television was a large-screen Panaphonics model, the receiver was a high-end Sorny model, and the speaker bar was a high-output Magnetbox model. All were purchased this year. Schroeder said that she had been away for a week and had just returned that morning to discover her things were missing.

Officer MacKenzie noticed that there were three bare rectangles surrounded by dust on the shelf. Traced in the dust were the initials "M.W."

At approximately 6:30pm on the same day, Officer MacKenzie attended at 35 Railway Avenue to further investigate the reported theft. The officer could hear raised voices coming from within the house while approaching the front door. Dana Schroeder opened the door for Officer MacKenzie while continuing to argue with a man standing in the living room. Schroeder told the officer that it was the man in the living room, Mark Wyler, who had stolen her equipment which was sitting in the corner. The equipment was the same models as described earlier by Schroeder. Wyler said to the officer "I took her stuff for her own good." It was at this point that MacKenzie arrested Wyler for theft over \$5000 and informed him of his rights.



Witness Profile: Dana Schroeder

Dana Schroeder is a twenty-five year old engineer who lives by herself in her own house at 446 Centre Street.

Schroeder is a regular customer at The Espresso, a neighbourhood coffee shop where Mark Wyler works. After closing time she often invites everyone at The Espresso to her house for a party. Mark Wyler, with whom Schroeder is well-acquainted, has often commented that he thinks people are just using her so they can party at her expense. Too many strangers come and go, and Schroeder's possessions could easily be stolen. Schroeder knows that Wyler really likes her home theatre and therefore thinks he is more concerned about the home theatre than her own well-being, so she doesn't take Wyler's opinions about her house too seriously.

On June 27 at around 10:00am, she arrived home after spending a week's holiday visiting her sister in Montreal. She went into the living room to turn on the television and discovered that her home theatre system was gone. She immediately phoned the police who arrived shortly afterward. She was quite upset because she didn't have any insurance.

About 2:00pm, Schroeder received a phone call from her friend, Mark Wyler, and she told him what happened. He invited her to his place for supper, saying she needed to get out of the house.

Shortly after she arrived at Wyler's house, Schroeder discovered her equipment. She became very angry with Wyler who tried to pass it off as a joke. She accused him of being a thief and called the police who came and arrested Wyler. Schroeder, after having cooled off, recognized that Wyler may have intended the whole thing as a joke.

Witness Profile: Norman Greene



Norman Greene, who lives directly across the street from Dana Schroeder, had just turned off his TV at approximately 12:30am on June 22 when he noticed Mark Wyler leave Schroeder's house wheeling a dolly loaded with large objects. Wyler rolled the dolly up a ramp onto a half-ton truck, unloaded the objects, and drove away. At the time, Greene did not call the police because he had seen Wyler at Dana Schroeder's place many times before and had been introduced to him once. Besides, people were always coming and going from Schroeder's place at all hours of the day and night.



Witness Profile: Brad Peltier

Brad Peltier is a twenty-one year-old taxi driver who lives at 35 Railway Street. He shares the house with Mark Wyler. They have been friends since both were ten years old.

Peltier and Wyler often attend parties at Dana Schroeder's place, which tend to get a bit wild. Frequently, patrons of The Espresso end up at Schroeder's after closing time.

On June 17, while Peltier and Wyler were discussing Schroeder's most recent party, Wyler told Peltier that Schroeder was foolish not to have deadbolts on her doors and locks on her windows. Wyler said that Schroeder's home theatre system could easily be stolen by someone who slipped a credit card in the back door. He then began devising a plan to take Schroeder's home theatre to prove that it could be done. Wyler said he would take advantage of the fact that Schroeder would be gone for a week. Peltier cautioned him that his plan might look like a theft, but Wyler said "I'd do anything for a home theatre system like that."

Witness Profile: Mark Wyler



Mark Wyler, twenty-one, is a barista at The Espresso where Dana Schroeder is a regular customer. Wyler, along with several people who work at The Espresso and many of the customers usually go to Schroeder's parties. Dozens and dozens of people are often jammed into Schroeder's house on a Saturday night. Wyler, who has a keen interest in electronic equipment, has openly admired Dana Schroeder's state-of-the-art home theatre system, and had indicated to her that if she ever wanted to get rid of it, he would take it off her hands.

Wyler is concerned that Schroeder is practically inviting someone to steal her home theatre system. The locks on her back door can easily be opened with a credit card. There are no locks on the windows. Considering the large number of people who pass through the house and who are able to see the expensive equipment, Wyler believes that the home theatre isn't safe. He has told Schroeder this often, but she doesn't agree with him.

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