The Surgeon

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my time in children's secure units
(AUDIO OF RADIO NEWS REPORT)
Police have released new details on the infamous serial killer the surgeon. Last night the surgeon wrote a letter back in response to the Article that respected psychiatrist Dr John Robertson published yesterday's tabloid news papers.

The sun is coming up behind the massive hospital for the criminal insane. The sun shines through the barbed wire fences with its ray.
(O.S)

The sound of birds singing & a cock crowing can be heard from the countryside that surrounds the building. Along with the opening & shutting of cell doors.

DR ROBERTSON is a husky man in his late 50’s. He’s wearing a tweed jacket with black tie. His black half rimmed glasses sit at the bottom of his nose. He walks from an open ward on to the secure ward.

He stops at 2 double metal gates with a metal detector around them. Two burly wardens in white medical clothes stand watch stopping & searching all that go through.

The Doctor hands over his metal t’ache case as he goes through the gates.

DOC
Morning gentle men.

WARDEN 1
Morning doc, you carrying any weapons today?

The Doc gives a small smile taps his head & gives the burly guard a half salute.

DOC
(looking at watch)
Are they all in there?.

WARDEN 2
They been in there for ages, waiting on you Doc.

(CONTINUED)
Doc strolls down the long institutional sterile concrete corridor’s. He stops at 2 double green locked security doors with a number panel at the side.

The doc looks at the hand drawn bit paper that’s blue tacked on the door.

"POLICE TASK FORCE DO NOT ENTER"

The doc presses the buzzer on the metal intercom. The call is answered by a plain clothes police officer TERRY who wouldn’t look out of place on a rugby pitch with his big build and rugged looks.

Dissolve to

3 INT: POLICE TASK FORCE ROOM CARSTAIRS DAY

The room is big and a bit smokey with the shades pulled down and the sun shining through. The fag smoke has a blue tint to it due to the slanting sunlight. the table has pots of coffee & half empty ashtrays on it. There is bars on all over the windows.

On one of the walls a white board is plastered with crime scene photos. With charts & graphs up next to dates.

A battered wooden podium at the head of a double length conference table. Behind it white shade is pulled down for the projector that’s sitting on the table. random maps & the a the doc takes his seat and looks round to the task force sitting around the table.

Were they all look like they are waiting for him. note pads & pens at the ready. A slim black DETECTIVE looks at the doc then finishes his cup of coffee before continuing.

DETECTIVE
How come you are always last to these meetings doc? we moved our sorry arses from nice Head quarters in Edinburgh just so we can coordinate from your loony bin & your still late, least you could do is show up in time

DOC
(sarcastic)
sorry boss there was an indecent in one of the other wards.

A young Procurator fiscal (P.F) in her mid 30’s with long black hair butts in.
P.F
Tell him what happened.

The tall blond man from the police TERRY in his late 40’s steps up to the podium. He moves with the swagger & authority of a beat police man from days past.

He extracts a a white bit paper from an envelope carefully with white gloves & tweezers and places it on to a projector.

A young Irish male forensic expert starts to feel uncomfortable as he looks at the projected image on the screen in front of him.

TERRY
We photo copied 5 pages of it.

FORENSIC EXPERT
It's him 100%. If a was a betting man a would put ma mortgage on it

TERRY
(Nodding at the forensic expert)
His lab rats went over it twice it was typed on a computer standard lap top. It was printed on generic paper,

DETECTIVE
standard business envelope. Practically untraceable but we know its him he left a perfect thumb print below his signature.

P.F
Nothing from the post stamp?

TERRY
Posted from a remote island of the Shetlands four days ago, a post office No CCTV, he wont be there now though.

On the projected screen the letter's stand out in bold contrast to the darkened room, justified margins, single spaced lines, very tidy.

P.F
he’s always so neat, looks like your idea worked Doc. That press release you wrote about the surgeon the one in detail Pissed him off.

DISSOLVE TO

(CONTINUED)
ANIMATION

the Doc’s press release on the front page of a tabloid paper rotating & spinning towards us.

P.F
(cont)
Saying he was an abused child made him mad but we smoked him out. But he had you on your theory. Like hes been doing woman up & down the country.

DISOLVE BACK TO

The doc just nods & waits for the comeback he knows is coming as he look’s around the table at all the new faces.

The Terry sweeps around the room hushing them quiet, then he hits the lights & point’s at the image with a laser pen. A black & white photo projected comes up.

DETECTIVE
Prime suspect. Whereabouts unknown is Mark Antony.

SPLIT SCREEN

LEFT SCREEN

eybody at the table taking notes while looking up at the image. Doc has his head down in his drawing pad

RIGHT SCREEN

A black & white mug shot of a white male 5ft

END SPLIT SCREEN

4 INT: POLICE TASK FORCE ROOM CARSTAIRS DAY

DETECTIVE
white male age 41 last birthday, 5ft 5 dark hair with brown eyes. Graduated from Napier uni as a under graduate degree in physiology & software technology. No known associates or friends left foster care to the custody of his grandparents who’s were a bout’s are unknown.
EXT: LEITH BOAT HARBOR. NIGHT TIME.

FLASH BACK

The shadows of killer Mark Antony’s body frame can be seen against the back drop the streetlights that reflect of the water’s surface with there bright purples & oranges.

He’s dumping two bodies over a bridge in to the water of leith river. As he pushes the 2ND body muffled screams and a small wriggle happen just before bang he throws the body over.

END FLASH BACK

INT: POLICE TASK FORCE ROOM. CARSTAIRS. DAY.

DETECTIVE
You with me so far?

Nods & grunts of assent from around the room. The Doc is paying attention just, as he draws tiny boxes on to the A4 bit paper he has in front of him.

CUT TO

MONTAGE

EXT: CHILDRENS UNIT. NIGHT TIME. DARK

The silhouette of a young boy watching a childrens home burn down in flames at night time.

(V.O)(O.S)

DETECTIVE
first arrest he was 10 willful fire raising. He convinced the childrens panel it was an accident that was Dismissed. Then at 14 put a cat in to a shoebox and set it on fire,

MONTAGE

INT: KITCHEN. DAY

A young boy still in his school uniform putting a cat in to a box then setting it on fire smiling as he does.

(v.o)

DETECTIVE
He convinced all the social workers it was a science experiment dismissed again, then

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)
DETECTIVE (cont’d)
at the tender age of 16 he done
bang to rights for raping his
school teacher who was 8 months
pregnant then trying to burn her
house down 5 years in Polmint
young offenders.

MONTAGE

A visibly pregnant woman is crying. Curling herself in to
a fetal position wrapping the shower curtain around her.
blood is coming from her private parts the blood slips
down the plug

Mark calmly pours petrol down the stair case from a Gerry
can.

As he walks out he throws a metal lighter on to the ground
igniting the flames.

END MONTAGE

CUT TO

There heads are shaken & jaws dropping as the DETECTIVE
reads out the info. The doc still has his head
dis-interested.

DETECTIVE
then nothing on the system
disappears until he’s in his mid
20’s, signed himself in to Andrew
Duncan psychiatric hospital.
Treated for depression. Nothing
since.

The forensic expert goes through his papers before looking
at the task force. He’s very nervous under the pressure.

FORENSIC EXPERT
(stuttering)
for the last year he’s been going
from city to city killing
innocent young girls. He always
cuts out there heart’s that’s why
the media have dubbed him the
surgeon. There’s 4 confirmed
kills.

The detective waits till the guy’s finished
DETECTIVE
he’s smooth & slick, he’s got a
good deal of cash left to him
from his mothers will.then people
what’s

DOC
did your profile say anything?.

FORENSIC EXPERT
prolific driver,
rootless,pathological hate for
females. A fucking serial killer
that’s what we’ve got Doc.

P.F
Did he do anything to the woman
besides killing them?

FORENSIC EXPERT
Nothing we can see, no seamen
found or near the body’s.

P.F
Then why does he do it then?

DOC
Because he can & he likes to..

the doc says his comment so low that everybody at the
table have to lean forward to hear what hes saying.

the DETECTIVE fixes the image on the projector to focus on
the letter’s so big that it could be seen from anywhere in
the room.

He also plays a cassette tape everybody in the room
everybody lean’s forward to listen

FADE TO

11 INT: ROOM NIGHT DARK.

A silhouetted figure can be seen with his hand’s rubbing
his head in frustration but always staying in the shade.

MARK ANTONY
I read your fascinating article
in the record, its a stupid
analysis it was so pathetically
uninformed lacking in any
insight, its a pity your politics
cloud your judgment, your are one
of those middle class guys who
believes that no body is born bad
eh? "A cause and effect" I quote
from your article.
The doc is now looking up at every body in the room who are looking at him. O.S Mark Antony’s voice bounces of the walls.

MARK Antony
(cont)
You say there is no bio genetic code for a serial killer’s there may be some personality propensities but according to you the only way to produce such a monster is early child abuse & chronic neglect, That’s what you said. Like all liberals your head is stuck in religion, thinking that evil does not exist.
(Mark shouts)
PAY ATTENTION, you parasites

we cant see Mark’s face cause its still silhouetted he’s pacing up & down the wooden floor boards in his bear feet with no top & just track suit bottoms. Raging & shouting as he talks in to the recording device.

MARK ANTONY
A was born bad. You know how some men break hearts? well a take ma hearts, A take life at my will.(pause) Was I an abused no a wasn’t. If anything my mother was over indulgent. I am as sane as they come. When i put myself in to the royal ed hospital it was to avoid the charge they made up of me abusing that little girl. She wanted it a never done anything wrong.

One of the detectives quickly flicks through some medical records.

(Mark shouts)
MARK ANTONY
I am not insane you here me, no matter how much you want me to be. the behavior you chart is not the start of pro-dorm anal psychosis. a more accurate
(MORE)
MARK ANTONY (cont’d)
statement you could check your
ISM volume 3. Your biblical
attempt quantify human behavior,
I’ll guide your dim brain to the
spot doctor. 301.71 anti social
behavior disorder dangerous
remorseful to describe what I am
certain now you’s are abject awe
& my grasp of psychiatric jargon.

15 EXT: ADSDA CENTER SHOPPING. CAR PARK. NIGHT

CUT TO

A pregnant woman is walking across the car park with a
trolley. putting messages in her boot just as a white
transit van pulls up behind her.

But Mark stops creeps on her but looks around at other
shoppers, he drives away. The woman is blissfully unaware
of the danger she was in.

CUT TO

16 INT: CARSTAIRS HOSPITAL DAY

the task force listen closely while the doc takes notes.
(O.S)

MARK ANTONY
Ma murders are not a cry for help
I’ve no desire to be caught, but
should the unlikely happen, your
ma safety net doctor, you will
stand up in the high court & tell
them am of my off my nut, (Pause)
Am insane eh Doc? I can not in
your stupid narrow mind be born
bad it must have been the way i
was brought up . but your theory
is flawed.

17 EXT: MARKS MUMS HOUSE NIGHT.

The leaves are blowing up in the Autumn wind.
(O.S)

MARK ANTONY
my mother was no saint. she had
her own demons.
INT: MARKS MUMS HOUSE. NIGHT

Mark as a boy is playing affectionately with his mum next to a coal fire.

MARK ANTONY
But my brother, (pause) or step brother. Different dads, he got it tight. He was the target of my mothers insanity. A bipolar schizophrenic with more than a touch of pedophilia.

FADE TO

The mum is chasing the brother up the hall in to the kitchen hitting him with a belt.

MARK ANTONY
wouldn’t your liberal middle class heart’s bleed for my brother?

INT: COAL SHED. DAY

marks brother is shivering covered in soot from the coal. He turns with fright when the door opens he throws himself in the corner. Then he’s lead out the coal cellar with his mum & her boyfriend.

MARK ANTONY
My mums Polaroid camera managed to give her some fun as well as a source of income.

CUT TO

EXT: HOUSE MORNING DAY

we can see the back of a man jump in to a jeep with four kids in it. Reversing out just about to join to school run. we can see his eyes close up in the rear view mirror

(VO)

O.S

MARK
look at him. a pure straight peg. never committed a crime. couldn’t say shit if he had a mouth full of it. A model citizen.
INT: CARSTAIRS HOSPITAL. DAY

The doctor is still taking notes while the rest listen.

MARK
he would have been a prime
candidate for your theory. Your
theory’s are lies and am living
proof of that. Take my warning
doc fear it and live with it.

Terry looks across the room to the Doc who waits until the
entire task force have finished taking notes. Then he
flicks on the lights.

TERRY
me & you have been round the
block a few times now doc.I
always said real police work does
the damage a lot better than your
hospital Theory

DETECTIVE
you’ve got to hand it to this
nutter Doc he told it like it is
two brothers raised in the same
environment, one is treated like
a prince & he turns out to be the
beast, the other is tortured
sense less ’& he turns out an
alright guy.child abuse leading
to criminal behavior is horse
shit doc,

The doc looks at his notes & with a small smirk he looks
at the blond cop.

TERRY
got something to say back Doc?

the doctor takes off his glasses & cleans them slowly
while going around the room looking everyone of the task
force in the eyes.

The task force lean forward & listen, the P.F flicks back
her long hair

P.F
come on Doc you have been
studying the surgeon for ages.
Going through our files inch by
inch.

the Doc walks slowly to the board while the rest watch on
waiting. The doctors eyes are shining with sadness & truth

(CONTINUED)
DOCTOR
Mark doesn’t have a brother.

FLASH FORWARD

Montage

we see the man getting in to the jeep with the kids turning around. & so does the man who was silhouetted to reveal the Mark Antony to be the same person.