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Wayne Williams Case Study

1. Who was the criminal and when was he convicted?

2. What was Williams convicted of? (Be specific.)

3. What was unusual about the way fiber evidence was used in this case?

4. What was the first piece of evidence that connected Williams to the crime(s)?

5. What significant information about the investigation did the press release to the public?

6. How did the release of this information in # 5 change the subsequent murders and why?

7. Did this change in # 6 eliminate the fibers from the victims? Why or why not?

8. What was unusual about the yellow-green nylon fiber?

9. After identifying certain physical characteristics of the nylon fiber, what more information did investigators seek to conclude about that fiber?

10. How did Williams become a suspect?

11. What potential problem arose when investigating the color of certain fibers found on Payne and Carter?

12. How did investigators resolve or overcome the roadblock in #11?

13. Study figure 2. What similarities exist among the victims?

14. Study figure 3. What is the significance of this information?

15. How did probability play a role in this case?