

## Q&A

**Q.** Do analytical fallacies plague crime scene investigators?

**A.** Most definitely. Deductive assumptions are made everyday at crime scenes. Often investigators, prior to a thorough investigation, make a presumption of guilt about a suspect, which thereafter guides the way he/she investigates the crime scene and collects physical evidence. Godwin Forensic Consultancy can conduct a detailed examination of the crime scene and police reports to look for any mental errors and assumptions made by investigators. A myopic view could lead to evidence being overlooked, which may exonerate a defendant.

**Q.** What are equivocal deaths? How are equivocal deaths investigated?

**A.** Equivocal deaths are deaths where it's hard to determine if the cause of death was suicide or homicide. Dr. Godwin employs the use of a psychological autopsy, which examines every detail of the victim's life in a systematic manner. In cases where a letter is left, an analysis of the letter is carried out.

**Q.** Why does criminal profilers' testimony have such power to corrupt the jury?

**A.** There are many evidential concerns about profilers' opinions being based on hearsay and armchair speculation. Such prejudicial information should be kept out of the prosecution's evidence.

## What Others Are Saying

"It takes a hell of a man to risk your professional reputation by attempting to apply a science in a manner which has never been tried before. Hopefully, you will be able to refine it even more and this will become a standard tool in missing person cases in the future. It's amazing to have come within a mile of Dru Sjodin's body considering the absolutely vast area of 3,000 square miles, the scarcity of data, and using the Predator system in a previously untried way. Success can only be achieved if you are willing to actually try, and some are 'more' willing than others."

*Robert Heales  
Private Investigator  
R.A. Heales & Associates*

"Geographic Profiling is an invaluable tool. The professional investigator need to look no further than Dr. Maurice Godwin."

*Warren J. Sonne  
New York City Det. (Retired)*

Contact Dr. Maurice Godwin to discuss your case.  
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References available upon request.  
Willing to travel.

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## About Dr. Maurice Godwin



Dr. Godwin is a former police officer in the State of North Carolina. He received his Associate's degree from Vance-Granville Community College, a Bachelor's

degree from Trevecca Nazarene University, a Master's Degree from Indiana State University, and his Ph.D. from The University of Liverpool in England. He has worked as a consultant to police and attorneys in crime scene assessment, developing psychological and geographical profiles. Dr. Godwin has lectured in the United States and Europe on serial murder and criminal investigative analysis.

Dr. Godwin is the author of numerous books

***Godwin Trial Consultancy can assist attorneys, in developing trial strategies, which will diminish the testimony of the opposition's profiling expert.***

and academic articles on profiling, serial murder, and crime scene investigations. He is a certified board member of United States Association of Professional Investigators (USAPI).

## Overview of Expert Services

- ◆ Crime Scene Reconstruction
- ◆ Network Analysis
- ◆ Cross-Examination Preparation
- ◆ Threat Assessment
- ◆ Serial Crimes
- ◆ Determining if Crimes are Linked
- ◆ Equivocal Deaths
- ◆ Stalking
- ◆ Analysis of Detectives' Decision-making
- ◆ Criminal Investigations
- ◆ Geographical Profiling
- ◆ Victimology
- ◆ Cold Case Investigations
- ◆ Medico-Legal Death Investigations

Dr. Godwin offers diverse criminal investigative and trial consultant services using powerful multimedia presentations. His research in areas of criminal behavior and criminal investigations distinctly sets him apart from the vast number of forensic consultants who rely on intuitive based opinions.

His past expert testimony has yielded positive results. In the death penalty case of NJ vs. Steve Fortin his testimony for the defense on the unreliability of the FBI's VICAP program kept VICAP from being introduced as evidence to show similarities between crimes. Dr. Godwin's geographical profile in the Dru Sjodin abduction/murder case in North Dakota assisted searchers in locating her body.

## Sample of Clients

- ◆ Friendswood Police Department, Friendswood, TX—Laura Smithers' murder case
- ◆ Kansas Death Penalty Defense Unit, Topeka, KS—John Robinson's serial murder trial
- ◆ New Jersey Office of Public Defender Capital Litigation Unit—Steve Fortin's murder trial
- ◆ Hyde & Gomer, Attorneys at Law, Liberty Mutual Insurance—Garman vs. Foote Action, rape trial, Florida
- ◆ Blackfoot Police Department, Blackfoot, Idaho—Unsolved double murder case

## Methods

- ◆ Statistical Analysis
- ◆ Network analysis to trace where and how information moves and to whom it is connected.
- ◆ Geographical Profiling using a computer based system called Predator.
- ◆ Applied Behavioral Analysis

