

Abstract

This paper offers a unique perspective on the intersection of intuitive perception and law enforcement by recounting personal experiences working alongside Chief Detective Ross English. Through a series of collaborative investigations spanning multiple decades and jurisdictions, this account explores how intuitive insights contributed to criminal case breakthroughs, particularly when traditional methods reached limitations. By combining first-person narrative with reflective academic analysis, this paper examines the challenges, ethical considerations, and potential applications of nontraditional investigative approaches in criminal justice.

1. Introduction

The relationship between intuition and empirical evidence is often seen as one of contradiction. In criminal investigations, where evidence, logic, and chain of custody rule supreme, the notion of utilizing intuitive impressions or psychic insight can appear incompatible with protocol. Yet, in rare circumstances where conventional leads are exhausted, the door sometimes opens for alternative methods. This paper presents a first-hand account of such instances—beginning with a chance encounter that led to a decades-long professional collaboration with Chief Detective Ross English, and the subsequent resolution of multiple high-profile cases across New Jersey and North Carolina.

Section 2: The First Case: Entry into Criminal Investigation

Months after moving to Budd Lake, New Jersey, I met Michele B., the first female police officer of Mt. Olive Township. At the time, she was teaching children's karate classes near our home. My son Jesse, who was four years old, was enrolled in her class. One day, Michele approached me following a lesson. She had read a local newspaper article titled, "Psychic Communicates with Animals," which mentioned an instance where I had warned S.P.C.A. agents of potential danger during a home visit. I had told them to expect a shotgun-wielding son at the top of the stairs and that the dogs they were concerned about would be found buried in the backyard. They took police with them, found the boy with the gun exactly as described, and uncovered the dogs' bodies where I had indicated.

Michele asked if I would help on a police matter. "We had a rape in town," she said. "Could you pick anything up on it?" Despite being shy and introverted, I have learned that my sense of service overcomes those inhibitions.

My immediate response was, "I see a guy with red hair. He's picking up a large rock and hitting her on the head." She thanked me and said her superior officer would need to speak with me.

The following week, I met Chief of Detectives Ross English. He listened without response, then asked if he and his partner could visit my office. The next day, he arrived with Detective Dave. Seated across the room, Ross asked me to repeat what I had seen. I described the red-haired suspect again. Ross replied, "We have two suspects with red hair; how can we tell which one?"

Without planning, I stood up, limped across the room, returned to my seat, and said, "That one." Dave looked stunned. "How did you do that? One of them walks just like you did."

“It’s easy,” I said. “I just became him.”

This was the beginning of our investigative team: Ross, Dave, and me. They returned later with files of unsolved cases, some decades old. Weeks later, I was informed that the redhead with the limp had confessed. I remember telling Ross how overwhelming the responsibility felt.

“What if I’m wrong and you waste time?” I asked.

He responded, “We turn to you when there are no leads or too many. Either way, you give us a direction. If you’re right, it’s incredible. If you’re wrong, so what; you’ve been right so often. We’ve followed many wrong leads before. It’s never a waste of time.”

Section 3: Case Studies: Applications of Intuitive Collaboration

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Over the years, our collaboration expanded into numerous investigations, each offering insights into the possibilities and limitations of intuitive work in criminal justice.

3.1 Burglary at My Residence

During a burglary at my own home, I described two juvenile suspects, their residence, and where they had hidden the stolen rifle. Ross followed up, obtained a warrant, recovered the rifle, and arrested the two youths. They confessed.

3.2 Internal Affairs Case

Ross, then Internal Affairs Officer, approached me about a suspected officer. After showing me photos of every officer, I selected one. While I could not confirm the specific wrongdoing under investigation, I described him as “ruthless, dangerous, and responsible for other wrongdoings.” Two years later, the officer was indicted on over 100 counts following investigations by Ross, county, state, and federal agencies.

3.3 Murder of a Police Officer

In another instance, Ross asked for help in the murder of a fellow officer. I described a farmhouse across state lines and specific vehicles. My input was disregarded by other investigators. Months later, it was discovered the perpetrators had used the farmhouse as a safe house.

3.4 North Carolina Innocence Case

After Ross relocated to North Carolina, I visited him during his battle with prostate cancer. At the time, he was investigating a murder case involving a defendant he believed was innocent. I visited the scene, described unseen evidence, and identified the actual perpetrator from a photo lineup. That man was later arrested in South Carolina for another murder and is now serving a life sentence.

Section 4: Reflections from Chief Ross English

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Ross English documented several of these cases, validating the role my insights played. He wrote:

“Nancy was able to describe the suspected crime scene and basically what took place and the physical features of our suspect. That information was locked in my desk for almost a year in a file at the police station. I followed up and was able to get a confession.”

His testimonial continues with examples including the burglary case, the Internal Affairs officer, the overlooked farmhouse, and the North Carolina murder. He concludes with:

“There were numerous cases worthy of her assistance and are memorialized in my mind.”

Ross's credibility stems from 25 years in New Jersey law enforcement, 12 years in North Carolina criminal defense, and co-founding multiple investigative agencies.

5. Analysis: Ethics, Trust, and Methodology

The trust Ross placed in me was not immediate—it was earned. Police officers are trained to rely on procedure, protocol, and evidence. Someone like me, without conventional credentials, must come recommended or show repeated value before being taken seriously. Even then, skepticism remains, as it should.

There is a Catch-22: law enforcement needs results, but without a framework for evaluating intuitive contributions, they risk credibility (Kocsis, 2006). Ross navigated that with a balance of open-mindedness and discipline. He never took my word blindly; he followed up, verified, and evaluated outcomes (Peterson, 2011).

6. Conclusion

This paper documents an unusual but profoundly meaningful collaboration. When traditional investigation hits a wall, intuition—if applied ethically and responsibly—can offer direction. Chief Ross English exemplified a rare combination of integrity, professionalism, and courage to follow unconventional leads. His mentorship gave me a path to serve a greater good, even when the method defied easy explanation.

We need more research into interdisciplinary methods that incorporate, assess, and responsibly use intuitive input in criminal investigations (Van Koppen, 2008). Most of all, we need more professionals like Ross English, who remained open to all tools available in the pursuit of justice.

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