

The Burglar Theory

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Overview

The main idea behind this theory is connected with a burglary that went wrong.

It explains every evidence of the crime known to the author without any amount of staging in place.

It uses its own analysis of RN based on professional and amateur analysis used primarily in PDI theories.

The key aspect of this theory is an idea that the burglar had some common past with the Ramseys family. The most possibly with the father not excluding his wife.

It uses the most of evidence straightforward and can be seen not only as a theory of the crime but also as a theory explaining the idea behind the staging no matter who did it. It excludes more or less the possibility of some "tragedy" in the middle of the night hidden behind some "crazy" staging of parents.

It uses its own reasons for leaving of the RN in the house.

The weakest point of this theory is an amount of knowledge regarding plans of the Ramseys.

Versions

There are many (sub)versions and variants of this theory.

They differ in reasons of the burglary, surroundings of the "crime".

All basic versions are directly using an idea of the burglar as a person who has committed the murder, with a possible help of some other persons not present at the crime scene.

Versions not inspected by the author of the theory are further using an idea of additional persons:

- who know about the "planned" burglary and having killed JonBenet make the staging to blame the burglar for the murder
- are staging the crime on some "possible burglar" using their own reasons for this

[Other Burglar Theories](#)

Personality

Personalities used in the theory are based mostly on analysis of the RN and are widened using additional evidence and information. The feedback loop analysis was used to get better understanding of the RN and evidence left in the house.

Analysis of the RN (only part of it is published): <https://www.facebook.com/notes/jonbenet%3%A9t-case-the-burglar-theory/ransom-letter-analysis/446789992349508/>

Key characteristic of the intruder:

- self-confidence, used to work alone, ability to take hard decisions on the fly
- had little time to handle the kidnapping, out of Boulder, working out of Christmas Holidays
- had a safe place to keep the girl with help of some additional persons (family, very close friends)
- knew both parents or at least John with some information about his wife. It is highly possible he knew their wedding date. Because there is no evidence he knew JonBenet's name, it is possible they had not met in the past 10-15 years.
- RN looks like a way to grab contact with John with money from kidnapping being only some part of this "contact". RN can be read as a ransom letter, exhibit letter or threatening letter. Exhibit letter can be connected with lots of time spent with uneducated people (foreign countries/missions?)
- he was not afraid of prison for the kidnapping. This idea was used further to explain one of possible ways to spend ransom money in [version 2 of the theory](#). This point to the possibility of some personal drama recently in his life. Major change in occupation
- Some marks in the RN show that he could speak a few languages and was using them heavily in his past. This could explain the problem with words having double letters. These languages were not using double letters "business", "possession". Languages he could know "Chinese/Japanese/Korean", "Russian", "Arabic".
- The overall feeling of RN shows some type of attack on John Ramsey but it looks more like a way to release frustration than something directly connected with the Ramseys. This idea was used further in [version 2 of the theory](#).

Timeline

- ~ 5:00-6:00 PM - Ramseys left for Xmas Party at White's
- ~ 7:00 PM - intruder breaks into the house
- ~ 7:00 - 9:00 PM - intruder searches the house
- ~ 9:00 - 10:00 PM - intruder writes the 1st RN and starts the 2nd one.
- ~ 10:00 PM - the Ramseys come back home, intruder hides in the cellar
- ~10:00 - 10:40 PM - the Ramseys go to sleep, intruder seeks an escape way
- ~10:40 PM - 1:00 AM 26th - intruder searches the basement
- ~ 1:00 AM - intruder kidnaps JonP from her room
- ~1:00 AM - intruder returns to get outdoor clothes from the JonP's room (the rest of them are probably on the 1st floor). This part is explained further in version 2 of the theory. See [Burke in the theory](#).
- ~1:00 AM - head injury and scream reported by some neighbours
- ~1:00 - 2:00 AM - agony and strangulation of JonP
- ? ~ 2:00 - 3:00 AM - removing all evidences of burglary in the basement
- ~5:30 AM - parents awake

Burglary

There is a lot of evidence of burglary in the house.

The most important are:

- a suitcase near the train room window
- a fresh pack of panties used in the post mortem dressing.
- an amount of money used in the RN.
- all items used (or left) in the crime are usable in burglary

This was not a typical burglary to steal some silver plates from the house

Family Back Home

At that time RN was finished, at least in one full set with additional pages used in the process. Intruder was not disturbed to the point of making tea and getting some food for himself.

Because of the flashlight left in the house he was probably surprised hearing the car and because of that, he was searching for an escape route in the basement (train room window) and some place to hide.

Evidence of him hiding in the remaining part of the elevator.

Kidnapping

He was waiting a long time to be sure everyone was sleeping. He was probably not aware of JonBenet eating something in the middle of the night, probably around midnight. See Burke in the theory.

Murder

After kidnaping of JonBenet in her pajama or nightgown he needed to dress her before going out with her. He locked the door of winecellar and went back to get some clothes for her. He was probably walking around the house with a bat in his hand. The most probable situation is JonBenet trying to run away from a dark winecellar and him pushing her on the bat leaning against the wall or hitting her fast and strong with it to stop her.

With him unaware of a critical hit on her head, rest of evidence is connected with him raging because of her pretending to be dead and with later checkings of how severe is her condition.

After strangulation, he was moving in the basement holding her in his hands to wrap her in the blankets and hide the body.

His personality more or less excludes trying to "kidnap" the body from the house using the basement window. He could escape with the body using the door as he did at the end.

Ramseys' Morning

This theory uses a lot of analysis from PDI theories regarding the morning of Ramseys. Analysis of 911 call and interviews of parents.

The version currently in development is using an idea that parents were searching for JonBenet in the morning actively in the house. It is possible that RN was found after seeing a body of JonBenet. Taking into consideration a typical parental behavior in such situations, it can be supposed that John Ramsey was searching outside calling for JonBenet and Patsy Ramsey was searching the house.

In such situation, the alarmed neighbors could check the house in the morning and it is possible that some "evidence" of an intruder that was found is connected with 1 or even 2 neighbors checking the house at the time of finding of RN. Marks on the tree suggest someone checking JonBenet's rooms and HI-TEC footprint can be connected with checking basement in the morning by someone.

It is very probable that enhanced 911 call is "made" using report of one of such persons.

Burke in the Theory

Because of many psychological inconsistencies in interviews, reports and official statements of many parts of the investigation this theory is using an idea (which is not approved by anyone) that Burke was very active in the middle of the night and at least some part of his activity was later told to his parents.

Because of 21 years of investigation, Author assumes Burke made a confession with everything he did in the night.

This theory uses an idea that:

- JonBenet wanted to drink something and she asked Burke for help. This happened just after parents went sleep.
- JonBenet was calling Burke for help from inside of winecellar and he was searching for her after the kidnap.
- He was sleeping lightly because of not being able to find JonBenet and when his mother went through his room in the morning he was checking the basement hearing rumours about JonBenet (or later when the Police was in the house).

It is also possible he was helping to find JonBenet in the morning.

This part is not important in the theory but it explains some part of his police interviews and later information about him.

Source

This theory is still in development.

All most recently published information can be found on its homepage: <https://www.facebook.com/JBPR.Atl/>

Published information:

- Timeline of events:
<https://www.facebook.com/notes/jonbenet%20case-the-burglar-theory/timeline/441018002926707/>
- Storyline for version 1 of the theory:
<https://www.facebook.com/notes/jonbenet%20case-the-burglar-theory/storyline-basic-version/440932186268622/>
- Storyline for version 2 of the theory:
<https://www.facebook.com/notes/jonbenet%20case-the-burglar-theory/detailed-story-v2/475856739442833/>