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DUTY CALLS

About a year ago, a citizen whose wife was 32 years old was shot by someone. Paramedics arrived first and were experienced and well-versed in dealing with victims and their families. They began to work on the victim, a 32-year-old female, noting a headshot wound. Within a short timeframe, it became apparent the victim was deceased. The body had been moved, forcing investigators to recreate the original position to determine the trajectory. The husband, a police officer, discovered the body after returning home from the overnight shift. He worked as a dispatcher that night and left work at 8:00 am. When he found his wife, he tried to revive her. Because he had met her, his hands were stained with blood. He told investigators he left his service weapon at home since he knew he would not be on the road that night. On the floor next to the victim lay his department service weapon. It had been fired only once. Later examination found the husband's prints on the barrel as well as all six cartridges, including the expanded bullet. The investigator recovered a single round lodged in the ceiling of the bedroom. Based on the body's position, the round would have been fired from the side, below the level of the bed, as if someone had crawled along the floor and then pressed the weapon to her temple and fired. Stippling and powder burns surrounded the wound, indicating close contact. At the time, the couple was in a reconciliation. Their first-born child, age two months, was still asleep in the same room where his mother died. Based on the physical evidence and known circumstances, it appeared to investigators that this was a homicide staged to look like suicide. All they needed was a statement from the husband, who insisted his wife had been depressed and had shot herself. But once they began the interrogation, he asked to speak to a lawyer. Investigators went back to the scene to search for something more definitive. One aspect of any investigation is to have early arrivers re-enact their actions. Investigators had the rescue team return to the scene along with the first responding officer. As the rescue personnel took their positions around the bed, the husband told investigators he had gone to the far side of the bed to cost he could. When he did, he moved a small changing table, pushing it further away from the bed. This was not in his original statement. When CSI detectives put the table back into its original position, they noticed a noticeable dent on the table's edge, a ricochet mark from the round. Once the scene had been put back into an untouched condition, it changed the entire situation. Investigators re-examined the trajectory, which matched perfectly with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the temple.

As police officers who work on the frontline, we maintain law and order in our communities. We can also help decrease the fear of crime and improve the quality of life for the people they protect. Various roles

within the police can lead to advancement, and a well-defined ranking system can help with career progression. We investigate suspected criminals and keep crime reports up to date. We also regularly gather evidence in court and provide the public with valuable information. We also patrol areas and deal with traffic and other emergencies. The ability to remain calm and confident in a variety of situations is also essential while being a police officer. This includes working with people from diverse backgrounds. Aside from being able to listen and communicate effectively, police officers also require the necessary skills to solve problems.

I serve as a police officer for several reasons, some say to make society or the world a better place for the residents, and others say to make some money from it. Me? I do it for both. The salary of a police officer is around £24,000 and £31,000 per year, but if we work hard enough, we might get a raise for it.