

BTK Timeline of Cyber Forensic Evidence

Jan 8, 2005

Rader left Special K cereal box with note for police. This is important because it gives police a chance to communicate with BTK.

End of January, 2005

Police learn of existence of package. They find Rader's note with instructions. Police now know that BTK is trying to communicate with them and that he is active again.

End of January, 2005

Police view surveillance footage of parking lot and learn what kind of vehicle the suspect possesses. This allows them to eliminate or confirm potential suspects.

Feb 3, 2005

Police receive a postcard from Rader responding to their classified ad in newspaper. This opens up lines of communication with BTK.

Feb 16, 2005

Police receive a floppy disk from Rader. On the disk, a temporary file is found with Rader's name and church location. They've identified BTK!

February, 2005

Police place Rader under surveillance and test DNA from his daughter's medical records. Rader is shown to drive a similar car to what is seen on surveillance footage and the familial DNA from Rader's daughter is a match to the DNA found at BTK crime scenes. This confirms BTK's identity!

Feb 25, 2005

Police arrest Rader after the floppy disk evidence is found.