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TIN CAN KILLING



1. The carefully documented *This Is Your FBI* illustrates how research on actual case histories adds realism. Jerry Devine, producer-director, confers with FBI head, J. Edgar Hoover on "The Tin Can Killing" where agents used trash heap to trap killer.



2. The case began when Indian Agent Porter took custody of a jewel box from a plane crash. That night Porter's watchdog was poisoned, Porter was slugged, and his safe cracked for the gems. An FBI agent indicates to Devine certain markings on the safe which tipped them off that the job was done by amateurs.



3. Porter rode to the farm of the Whitley brothers, who had seen the jewels removed from the crash. They denied knowledge of the robbery. Later, Porter was critically wounded by an ambush shot from a wooded ledge. Above, Devine is shown the markings on the actual bullet that was fired.



4. An FBI agent shows Devine fingerprints of the Whitleys. File comparisons revealed no criminal record. However, agents were sure of their guilt when mud samples from their horses' hoofs matched the peculiar clay found only near the ambush ledge. But more direct proof was needed.



5. Agents recalled the cans of meat near Porter's dead watchdog. Devine observes how the toxicology lab found arsenic. This was helpful, but also inconclusive, for although the Whitleys had a barrel of arsenic in their barn, so did most other farmers in the area.



6. On a hunch, the agents then took cans from the Whitley trash heap and rushed them, together with the meat cans, to the X-Ray laboratories. Highly dramatic micro-photographs proved all had been opened with the same can opener. Upon being faced with this startling evidence, one of the Whitleys pulled a gun.



7. A fast-moving agent wrested the weapon from him, and it checked as the exact .38 which fired the ambush bullet, the bullet that killed Porter, the final link of evidence in "The Tin Can Killing." The case ended with the Whitley brothers each being sentenced to a twenty-five-year jail term.



8. Back at studio, Devine and actor Stacy Harris prepare the authenticated script for broadcast.

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