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In the summer of 2008, a five-year-old boy went missing in Station Hill, Port Alfred. For hours the community searched, as his mother grew increasingly frantic. A day later the tiny body was found in the bushes, bloody and beaten. A post mortem revealed he'd been raped, beaten with a blunt object and burned with cigarettes.

The stunned community was thrown into further turmoil, when police arrested three local teenagers, aged between 14 and 16. This year, the boys were all found guilty of murder, and one of them of rape.

3rd Degree asks: What drives children like this to brutally torture and kill an innocent young boy? To commit an act so sadistic they will spend the years of their childhood behind bars.

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