

Kurt Cobain's Suicide Note Case: Forensic Linguistic Profiling Analysis

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Abstract

Forensic linguistics is the branch of the linguistics study which investigates legal text in crime. From its point of view, forensic linguistics is really helping the court or police or law attribute in investigating criminal case. Aspects of linguistics plays important role when it deals with legal texts such as suicide note. We can use the aspects of linguistics in investigating suicide text in order to see the proposition of the victim referred to suicide, the real motives of writing that letter or reveal what are the intentions of that suicide letter by using the branch of linguistics like phonology, semantic, pragmatics, discourse approaches, etc. The data is taken from Kurt Cobain suicide note which he left before he died. The aimed of this research is to identify the genuineness of his suicide note and also to figure out the motives of the subject dealing with suicide. Furthermore, this research tends to make the authorship profiling of Kurt Cobain based on the lexical which contain negative meaning that are related to his psychological.

Introduction

Recently forensic linguistics gain so many attention from linguist in university all over the world notably in Europe and America. This field grew for the first time in in the United States and Europe in the late of 1990s. Linguists are interested in forensic linguistics because this is a sort of interesting field which is growth slowly in the development of linguistic research. It can be seen from research files that there are many linguists who are investigating legal text and gaining deep understanding in this field. There are so many organization which supporting the development of this research. For instance: University of Birmingham in Europe are trying to develop this field by building an organization for forensic linguist which is named *Forensic Linguistics: The International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*. It is provided for those who are interested in forensic linguistics. They can share the idea and knowledge about forensic linguistic in this organization. Forensic linguistics is the branch of the linguistics study which investigates legal text in crime. From its point of view, forensic linguistics is really helping the court or police or law attribute in investigating criminal case.

McMenamin (2008: 86) states that "Forensic Linguistics is the scientific study as applied to forensic and contexts". Forensic linguistics need another linguistics fields in identifying and solving cases in legal forum, whether the cases appear in the courtroom or out of courtroom. The target of forensic analysis is forensic texts taken from criminal context like murderer, suicide letter or note, suspicious death, narcotics investigations, terrorism, etc. Olsson (2008:1) states "Literally any text or item of spoken language has the potential of being a forensic text. If a text is somehow implicated in a

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