DARK CASE PARANORMAL

PARANORMAL CASE FILE 05

The Rosenheim Poltergeist

Rosenheim, Bavaria, Germany, 1967–1968

CASE STATUS	PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL CASE / CONTESTED
LOCATION	Law office in Rosenheim

CASE SUMMARY

Electrical and telephone disturbances at a German law office became one of the most famous twentieth-century poltergeist cases. Hans Bender investigated and interpreted the phenomena as possible spontaneous psychokinesis.

THE DISTURBANCES

Lights failed, fuses blew, telephones behaved abnormally and other office equipment reportedly malfunctioned. The incidents were associated in the literature with a young employee.

TECHNICAL TESTING

Electricity and telephone authorities installed monitoring equipment. Published accounts report unusual meter deflections and repeated calls to the time-announcement number.

PARANORMAL INTERPRETATION

Hans Bender and colleagues treated the case as a possible example of recurrent spontaneous psychokinesis.

CRITICISM

Later critics argued that the investigations did not eliminate all ordinary explanations and that some measurements were insufficiently controlled. An unexplained reading is not itself proof of a paranormal mechanism.

CASE ASSESSMENT

Rosenheim remains important because technical measurements were attempted, but the interpretation is contested. Classification: UNRESOLVED / CONTESTED.

SOURCE REGISTER

Sources used for the case file. Reported phenomena are described as claims; paranormal causation is not treated as established fact.

https://igpp.de/en/information/journal-for-parapsychology-and-border-areas-of-psychology/

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https://poltergeistarchive.co.uk/rosenheim-germany-1967/

EDITORIAL NOTE

Dark Case Paranormal separates documented history, witness testimony, investigation, folklore and interpretation. A famous or unexplained case is not automatically proof of a supernatural cause.