

PTA Reflections 2017-2018 – Within Reach - Middle School Literature

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“The Dream I Want to Achieve” by Akeriyah Powell

When I heard the term ‘within reach,’ I immediately thought about my dream job. My dream job is to be a Special Victims Unit detective. I want to pursue this passion because it is profound how the victims come out and tell the traumatic stories to the cops and then to the jury. Also, it’s interesting how they go to the crime scene to find evidence from the assault. For example, a lady was raped by a masked man. The man had raped other women, but in this particular case, he left evidence. He had a drink and left his DNA on it. As a result, the detectives were able to find him. Also, being a Special Victims Unit detective is my dream because I personally would like to study how they figure out who commits the crime with only a little evidence left to process. I want to know how the detectives can figure out things like when the perpetrator ‘spikes’ the victim’s drink with a pill that makes them forget the rape or assault. The victims’ lives change forever because they can never get that traumatic day out of their head.

The reason I want to pursue this important job is because this is the career I have known that I wanted since I was young. I know this will benefit me as well as others in society who need help in seeking justice for crimes committed against them.