

**CASE NAME: BARTLETT SECKEL, M. D.**

ATTENDING OFFICER(S): CHRIS MOORE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIME LOCATION: PALENA



**Answer: ROME**

The first step is to solve the clues. As the flavor text indicates (“playing matchmaker *sounds* tough”), you are looking for homophones.

Crowd = HERD

Bivalve = MUSSEL

Move by force = MUSCLE

Was in debt = OWED

Unshaven = HAIRY

Chomp = BITE

Pure = CHASTE

Mated = BRED

Bit sequence = BYTE

Rear = BUTT

Garments = CLOTHES

Pronoun = WHICH

Paying resident = BOARDER

Shut = CLOSE

Hag = WITCH

Emerged victorious = WON

Obstructed = DAMMED

Perceived = HEARD

Baked good = BREAD

Outer edge = BORDER

Aims = INTENTS

Condemned = DAMNED

Singleton = ONE

Pursued = CHASED

Conjunction = BUT

Extreme = INTENSE

Lyric poem = ODE

Famous Potter = HARRY

In the next step, you take the unique letters (“a *unique* skill”) from each homophone. The pairings are shown below with common letters crossed out. In some cases, removing common letters will leave none remaining:

~~HERD~~ - ~~HEARD~~

~~MUSCLE~~ - ~~MUSSEL~~

~~HAIRY~~ - ~~HARRY~~

~~CHASTE~~ - ~~CHASED~~

~~BYTE~~ - ~~BITE~~

~~CLOTHES~~ - ~~CLOSE~~

~~BOARDER~~ - ~~BORDER~~

~~WITCH~~ - ~~WHICH~~

~~DAMMED~~ - ~~DAMNED~~

~~BREAD~~ - ~~BRED~~

~~INTENTS~~ - ~~INTENSE~~

~~ONE~~ - ~~WON~~

~~BUT~~ - ~~BUTT~~

~~ODE~~ - ~~OWED~~

Looking at just the uncommon letters in the order that the clues were given leaves:

-	S
C	W
I	I
T	-
Y	T
TH	H
A	-
T	W
M	A
A	-
T	N
E	D
-	E
-	R

Reading the remaining letters from top to bottom starting in column 1 gives:

CITY THAT MATES WITH WANDER

A word that means wander is roam, and the city that mates with roam via homophone is the answer:  
ROME.