

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A head chef's knife set was taken from the dishwashing bay of Quartermaine's between 14:30 and 16:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Bjorn (host), Damaris (dishwasher), Oren (server), Hasan (bartender).

Q Who took the head chef's knife set?

1. The kitchen camera confirms Bjorn was at the prep kitchen the entire time.
2. Security camera footage shows Damaris at the reception between 14:30 and 16:15.
3. Oren's register code log shows continuous activity at the training center from 14:30 to 16:15.
4. Hasan stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Oren	B) Damaris	C) Hasan	D) Bjorn
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CASE 02

A lead actor's costume was taken from the dressing room of Helix Repertory between 15:15 and 17:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Anand (lead actor), Vidal (box-office manager), Caelan (lighting tech), Cosima (stagehand).

Q Who took the lead actor's costume?

1. Cosima was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 3 colleagues.
2. Caelan stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Security camera footage shows Vidal at the front desk between 15:15 and 17:15.
4. Anand's backstage pass log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 15:15 to 17:15.

A) Vidal	B) Anand	C) Cosima	D) Caelan
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CASE 03

A laptop was taken from the sports equipment room of Westbrook Academy between 16:15 and 19:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Jacinta (janitor), Darya (substitute teacher), Dario (teacher), Ramona (principal).

Q Who took the laptop?

1. Darya's keypad code log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 16:15 to 19:10.
2. Only the four staff members had staff key access to the sports equipment room during the window.
3. Jacinta's combination log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 16:15 to 19:10.
4. The door sensor confirms Dario was at the library archive the entire time.
5. Ramona stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Ramona	B) Jacinta	C) Dario	D) Darya
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CASE 04

The director's notes were taken from the catwalk of Northgate Stage between 13:40 and 15:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ramona (lighting tech), Fenella (lead actor), Mikael (prop master), Helena (understudy).

Q Who took the director's notes?

1. Helena stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Mikael was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.
3. Security camera footage shows Fenella at the elevator landing between 13:40 and 15:45.
4. Ramona was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 6 colleagues.
5. Only the four staff members had director's key access to the catwalk during the window.

A) Ramona	B) Helena	C) Mikael	D) Fenella
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CASE 05

A production database was taken from the server farm of Brightline Software between 15:10 and 17:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Hasan (site-reliability engineer), Aleksandr (security analyst), Marisol (intern), Anand (support lead).

Q Who extracted the production database?

1. Security camera footage shows Aleksandr at the reception between 15:10 and 17:10.
2. Anand stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Hasan's badge log shows continuous activity at the training center from 15:10 to 17:10.
4. Marisol was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 7 attendees.

A) Anand	B) Aleksandr	C) Marisol	D) Hasan
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CASE 06

The prototype specifications were taken from the server room of Northgate Partners between 16:10 and 18:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Cedric (intern), Theo (facilities coordinator), Hadley (security officer), Elara (records clerk).

Q Who took the prototype specifications?

1. Security camera footage shows Elara at the reception between 16:10 and 18:15.
2. Theo's employee badge log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 16:10 to 18:15.
3. Hadley stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Only the four staff members had VPN access access to the server room during the window.
5. Cedric was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 7 witnesses.

A) Theo	B) Elara	C) Cedric	D) Hadley
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CASE 07

A rare coin set was taken from the climate-controlled vault of Aldworth Collection between 16:30 and 18:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Indira (night security), Rhys (tour guide), Simeon (janitor), Magnus (archivist).

Q Who took the rare coin set?

1. Simeon's master key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 16:30 to 18:45.
2. Magnus stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Indira's vault combination log shows continuous activity at the training center from 16:30 to 18:45.
4. Rhys was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 4 witnesses.

A) Rhys	B) Indira	C) Magnus	D) Simeon
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CASE 08

A medical kit was taken from the main court of Helix Sports Complex between 15:30 and 17:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Leila (head coach), Aiko (team statistician), Xiomara (rookie player), Polina (team captain).

Q Who took the medical kit?

1. Leila's team key log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 15:30 to 17:30.
2. Only the four staff members had team key access to the main court during the window.
3. Xiomara was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 6 colleagues.
4. Aiko stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
5. Polina's facility badge log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 15:30 to 17:30.

A) Leila	B) Polina	C) Aiko	D) Xiomara
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CASE 09

The production funds were taken from the rehearsal hall of Northgate Stage between 14:20 and 16:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Eitan (box-office manager), Fariha (lighting tech), Darya (understudy), Ravi (prop master).

Q Who took the production funds?

1. Security camera footage shows Fariha at the elevator landing between 14:20 and 16:30.
2. Security camera footage shows Ravi at the elevator landing between 14:20 and 16:30.
3. Darya was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 3 witnesses.
4. Eitan stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Fariha	B) Eitan	C) Darya	D) Ravi
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

Solve before peeking. Correct suspect and key reasoning steps below.

Case 01 C) Hasan

- ☑ A head chef's knife set was taken from the dishwashing bay between 14:30 and 16:15.
 - ☑ Bjorn is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 02 D) Caelan

- ☑ A lead actor's costume was taken from the dressing room between 15:15 and 17:15.
 - ☑ Anand is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 03 A) Ramona

- ☑ A laptop was taken from the sports equipment room between 16:15 and 19:10.
 - ☑ Jacinta is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 04 B) Helena

- ☑ The director's notes were taken from the catwalk between 13:40 and 15:45.
 - ☑ Ramona is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 05 A) Anand

- ☑ A production database was taken from the server farm between 15:10 and 17:10.
 - ☑ Hasan is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 06 D) Hadley

- ☑ The prototype specifications were taken from the server room between 16:10 and 18:15.
 - ☑ Cedric is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 07 C) Magnus

- ☑ A rare coin set was taken from the climate-controlled vault between 16:30 and 18:45.
 - ☑ Indira is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 08 C) Aiko

- ☑ A medical kit was taken from the main court between 15:30 and 17:30.
 - ☑ Leila is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 09 B) Eitan

- ☑ The production funds were taken from the rehearsal hall between 14:20 and 16:30.
- ☑ Fariha is cleared – verified alibi during the window.