

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

The director's notes were taken from the catwalk of Pemberton Opera House between 16:45 and 19:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ishaan (stage manager), Polina (lighting tech), Nizar (musical director), Florian (prop master).

Q Who took the director's notes?

1. Florian's box-office key log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 16:45 to 19:30.
2. Nizar was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 8 witnesses.
3. The dressing-room sign-in confirms Ishaan was at the green room the entire time.
4. Polina stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Polina	B) Florian	C) Ishaan	D) Nizar
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CASE 02

An exam answer key was taken from the science lab of Hawthorne Day School between 14:00 and 16:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ula (janitor), Xanthe (secretary), Gisela (librarian), Eleni (school counselor).

Q Who took the exam answer key?

1. Xanthe stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Ula was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 6 witnesses.
3. Eleni's records-room badge log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 14:00 to 16:15.
4. Gisela was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 5 witnesses.

A) Gisela	B) Xanthe	C) Ula	D) Eleni
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CASE 03

A signed manuscript was taken from the periodicals room of Quartermaine Archive between 13:20 and 15:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Jian (intern), Beatrix (archivist), Quincy (custodian), Mira (volunteer).

Q Who took the signed manuscript?

1. Only the four staff members had staff key access to the periodicals room during the window.
2. Quincy stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. The book-checkout record confirms Jian was at the restoration room the entire time.
4. Beatrix was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.
5. Mira's staff key log shows continuous activity at the training center from 13:20 to 15:45.

A) Beatrix	B) Jian	C) Quincy	D) Mira
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CASE 04

An original script was taken from the costume room of Argent Theatre between 15:10 and 17:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Akhil (box-office manager), Klaus (costume designer), Joren (stagehand), Ravi (prop master).

Q Who took the original script?

1. The box-office system confirms Ravi was at the prop storage the entire time.
2. Security camera footage shows Akhil at the front desk between 15:10 and 17:45.
3. Klaus was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 4 attendees.
4. Only the four staff members had director's key access to the costume room during the window.
5. Joren stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Ravi	B) Akhil	C) Joren	D) Klaus
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CASE 05

A signed treaty was taken from the cataloging room of City Records Office between 13:10 and 15:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Aaliyah (volunteer), Bayan (head archivist), Hakim (administrator), Gisela (genealogist).

Q Who took the signed treaty?

1. Only the four staff members had vault key access to the cataloging room during the window.
2. Aaliyah stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Security camera footage shows Bayan at the reception between 13:10 and 15:45.
4. Security camera footage shows Hakim at the main lobby between 13:10 and 15:45.
5. Gisela's vault key log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 13:10 to 15:45.

A) Aaliyah	B) Gisela	C) Hakim	D) Bayan
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CASE 06

A member roster was taken from the trophy display case of Aldermarsh Arena between 15:15 and 18:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Cyrus (equipment manager), Iolanthe (referee), Gemma (assistant coach), Aurora (team captain).

Q Who took the member roster?

1. Aurora stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Only the four staff members had team key access to the trophy display case during the window.
3. Cyrus's equipment-room key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 15:15 to 18:45.
4. Gemma was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 6 attendees.
5. The witness teammate confirms Iolanthe was at the training facility the entire time.

A) Aurora	B) Gemma	C) Cyrus	D) Iolanthe
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CASE 07

An encrypted hard drive was taken from the CEO office of Brightline Holdings between 16:30 and 18:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ines (executive assistant), Isolde (security officer), Cyrus (senior engineer), Gunnar (facilities coordinator).

Q Who took the encrypted hard drive?

1. Ines stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Security camera footage shows Isolde at the reception between 16:30 and 18:30.
3. The VPN session log confirms Gunnar was at the CEO office the entire time.
4. Cyrus's admin credentials log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 16:30 to 18:30.

A) Isolde	B) Cyrus	C) Ines	D) Gunnar
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CASE 08

A referee's notebook was taken from the equipment shed of Aldermarsh Arena between 16:40 and 18:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Saoirse (rookie player), Finnegan (team statistician), Alessio (assistant coach), Hasan (referee).

Q Who took the referee's notebook?

1. The locker-room sensor confirms Finnegan was at the press box the entire time.
2. Saoirse's equipment-room key log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 16:40 to 18:45.
3. The equipment sign-out confirms Hasan was at the training pool the entire time.
4. Alessio stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Hasan	B) Saoirse	C) Finnegan	D) Alessio
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CASE 09

The board minutes were taken from the filing cabinet of Brightline Holdings between 13:40 and 16:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Kiran (records clerk), Mauro (intern), Damaris (senior engineer), Saoirse (executive assistant).

Q Who took the board minutes?

1. Only the four staff members had document-room code access to the filing cabinet during the window.
2. The printer log confirms Saoirse was at the filing cabinet the entire time.
3. Damaris stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Security camera footage shows Mauro at the elevator landing between 13:40 and 16:10.
5. Kiran was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 3 witnesses.

A) Saoirse	B) Damaris	C) Mauro	D) Kiran
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 A) Polina

- ☑ The director's notes were taken from the catwalk between 16:45 and 19:30.
 - ☑ Ishaan is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 02 B) Xanthe

- ☑ An exam answer key was taken from the science lab between 14:00 and 16:15.
 - ☑ Ula is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 03 C) Quincy

- ☑ A signed manuscript was taken from the periodicals room between 13:20 and 15:45.
 - ☑ Jian is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 04 C) Joren

- ☑ An original script was taken from the costume room between 15:10 and 17:45.
 - ☑ Akhil is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 05 A) Aaliyah

- ☑ A signed treaty was taken from the cataloging room between 13:10 and 15:45.
 - ☑ Bayan is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 06 A) Aurora

- ☑ A member roster was taken from the trophy display case between 15:15 and 18:45.
 - ☑ Cyrus is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 07 C) Ines

- ☑ An encrypted hard drive was taken from the CEO office between 16:30 and 18:30.
 - ☑ Isolde is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 08 D) Alessio

- ☑ A referee's notebook was taken from the equipment shed between 16:40 and 18:45.
 - ☑ Saoirse is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 09 B) Damaris

- ☑ The board minutes were taken from the filing cabinet between 13:40 and 16:10.
- ☑ Kiran is cleared – verified alibi during the window.