

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

An encrypted hard drive was taken from the executive suite of Velocity Labs between 16:10 and 18:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Suri (CFO), Hasan (executive assistant), Emiko (intern), Joren (legal counsel).

Q Who took the encrypted hard drive?

1. Security camera footage shows Suri at the elevator landing between 16:10 and 18:15.
2. Joren stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Security camera footage shows Emiko at the front desk between 16:10 and 18:15.
4. The printer log confirms Hasan was at the document destruction room the entire time.

A) Joren	B) Hasan	C) Suri	D) Emiko
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CASE 02

A donor list was taken from the periodicals room of Northgate Library between 14:30 and 17:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Akira (archivist), Bram (reference librarian), Nikolai (custodian), Aaliyah (research assistant).

Q Who took the donor list?

1. Security camera footage shows Nikolai at the elevator landing between 14:30 and 17:30.
2. Akira was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.
3. Aaliyah was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.
4. Bram stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Akira	B) Bram	C) Aaliyah	D) Nikolai
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CASE 03

The quarterly financials were taken from the engineer pod of Atlas Cloud between 15:40 and 18:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Stellan (security analyst), Ramona (contractor), Talia (product manager), Nizar (data scientist).

Q Who extracted the quarterly financials?

1. The MFA token log confirms Stellan was at the testing lab the entire time.
2. Security camera footage shows Ramona at the front desk between 15:40 and 18:30.
3. Nizar stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Only the four staff members had admin token access to the engineer pod during the window.
5. Talia was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 8 witnesses.

A) Ramona	B) Nizar	C) Stellan	D) Talia
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CASE 04

The tax records were taken from the staff break room of Aldermarsh County Archive between 16:20 and 19:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Tarek (head archivist), Damaris (clerk), Daphne (genealogist), Zinnia (records administrator).

Q Who took the tax records?

1. Daphne stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Damaris was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 4 colleagues.
3. Zinnia was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.
4. Tarek's research-room pass log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 16:20 to 19:45.

A) Daphne	B) Tarek	C) Damaris	D) Zinnia
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CASE 05

An exam answer key was taken from the sports equipment room of Brierfield Prep between 15:45 and 18:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Kai (principal), Theo (teacher), Adrian (janitor), Kerensa (coach).

Q Who took the exam answer key?

1. Theo stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. The hallway camera confirms Kerensa was at the faculty lounge the entire time.
3. Security camera footage shows Kai at the reception between 15:45 and 18:10.
4. Security camera footage shows Adrian at the elevator landing between 15:45 and 18:10.

A) Theo	B) Adrian	C) Kerensa	D) Kai
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CASE 06

An exam answer key was taken from the locker room of Pemberton School between 13:30 and 15:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Dimitri (student council president), Sora (substitute teacher), Anastasia (secretary), Omari (principal).

Q Who took the exam answer key?

1. Only the four staff members had master key access to the locker room during the window.
2. The printer log confirms Dimitri was at the principal's office the entire time.
3. Sora stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Omari was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 6 colleagues.
5. Security camera footage shows Anastasia at the elevator landing between 13:30 and 15:10.

A) Anastasia	B) Dimitri	C) Omari	D) Sora
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CASE 07

A silver chalice was taken from the second-floor gallery of Pemberton Wing between 13:20 and 15:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Daphne (archivist), Wren (night security), Arjun (exhibition designer), Xiomara (docent).

Q Who took the silver chalice?

1. Security camera footage shows Wren at the front desk between 13:20 and 15:45.
2. Security camera footage shows Arjun at the front desk between 13:20 and 15:45.
3. The door sensor confirms Daphne was at the main exhibition hall the entire time.
4. Xiomara stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
5. Only the four staff members had keycard access to the second-floor gallery during the window.

A) Wren	B) Daphne	C) Arjun	D) Xiomara
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CASE 08

The production funds were taken from the sound booth of The Aldermarsh Theatre between 14:45 and 17:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Kenji (musical director), Noor (box-office manager), Octavia (stagehand), Etienne (director).

Q Who took the production funds?

1. Security camera footage shows Etienne at the front desk between 14:45 and 17:00.
2. Security camera footage shows Octavia at the elevator landing between 14:45 and 17:00.
3. Kenji stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Noor was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 7 witnesses.

A) Noor	B) Kenji	C) Etienne	D) Octavia
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CASE 09

A reservation book was taken from the pastry station of Octavia's between 13:00 and 15:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Cosima (bartender), Eitan (host), Iolanthe (manager), Odell (dishwasher).

Q Who took the reservation book?

1. The time-clock record confirms Iolanthe was at the prep kitchen the entire time.
2. Eitan was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 4 witnesses.
3. Odell stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Security camera footage shows Cosima at the elevator landing between 13:00 and 15:30.

A) Iolanthe	B) Eitan	C) Cosima	D) Odell
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 A) Joren

- ☒ An encrypted hard drive was taken from the executive suite between 16:10 and 18:15.
 - ☒ Suri is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 02 B) Bram

- ☒ A donor list was taken from the periodicals room between 14:30 and 17:30.
 - ☒ Akira is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 03 B) Nizar

- ☒ The quarterly financials were taken from the engineer pod between 15:40 and 18:30.
 - ☒ Stellan is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 04 A) Daphne

- ☒ The tax records were taken from the staff break room between 16:20 and 19:45.
 - ☒ Tarek is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 05 A) Theo

- ☒ An exam answer key was taken from the sports equipment room between 15:45 and 18:10.
 - ☒ Kai is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 06 D) Sora

- ☒ An exam answer key was taken from the locker room between 13:30 and 15:10.
 - ☒ Dimitri is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 07 D) Xiomara

- ☒ A silver chalice was taken from the second-floor gallery between 13:20 and 15:45.
 - ☒ Daphne is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 08 B) Kenji

- ☒ The production funds were taken from the sound booth between 14:45 and 17:00.
 - ☒ Noor is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 09 D) Odell

- ☒ A reservation book was taken from the pastry station between 13:00 and 15:30.
 - ☒ Cosima is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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