

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A restricted donor file was taken from the cataloging room of Pemberton Genealogy Center between 16:10 and 18:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Mauro (clerk), Anand (researcher), Ramona (administrator), Odell (genealogist).

Q Who took the restricted donor file?

1. Ramona was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 3 colleagues.
2. Security camera footage shows Mauro at the reception between 16:10 and 18:15.
3. The vault entry record confirms Anand was at the research area the entire time.
4. Odell stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
5. Only the four staff members had vault key access to the cataloging room during the window.

A) Odell	B) Anand	C) Ramona	D) Mauro
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CASE 02

An expensive welding rod was taken from the blueprint room of Aldermarsh Auto Works between 13:40 and 15:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Hiroshi (welder), Ula (apprentice), Kai (painter), Etienne (quality inspector).

Q Who took the expensive welding rod?

1. Security camera footage shows Kai at the reception between 13:40 and 15:15.
2. The time-clock log confirms Etienne was at the blueprint room the entire time.
3. Hiroshi was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 6 witnesses.
4. Ula stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Ula	B) Etienne	C) Kai	D) Hiroshi
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CASE 03

A genealogy register was taken from the conservation room of Helix Heritage Foundation between 14:10 and 17:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Daphne (head archivist), Gisela (conservation specialist), Galina (administrator), Zinnia (intern).

Q Who took the genealogy register?

1. Security camera footage shows Zinnia at the main lobby between 14:10 and 17:10.
2. Galina stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Daphne was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 4 witnesses.
4. The reading-room sign-in confirms Gisela was at the restricted reading room the entire time.

A) Galina	B) Daphne	C) Gisela	D) Zinnia
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CASE 04

A rare coin set was taken from the climate-controlled vault of Metropolitan Gallery between 14:45 and 17:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Eleni (night security), Caelan (janitor), Daphne (curator), Bao (exhibition designer).

Q Who took the rare coin set?

1. Daphne was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.
2. Bao stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Caelan was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 7 witnesses.
4. Only the four staff members had master key access to the climate-controlled vault during the window.
5. Eleni's keycard log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 14:45 to 17:00.

A) Daphne	B) Bao	C) Eleni	D) Caelan
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CASE 05

A special collection key was taken from the reading room of Quartermaine Archive between 13:00 and 15:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Eira (reference librarian), Octavia (rare-books curator), Mahdi (archivist), Yusuf (research assistant).

Q Who took the special collection key?

1. Mahdi was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 3 attendees.
2. Yusuf stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Octavia was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 3 witnesses.
4. Only the four staff members had archive badge access to the reading room during the window.
5. The door sensor confirms Eira was at the microfilm area the entire time.

A) Yusuf	B) Mahdi	C) Eira	D) Octavia
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CASE 06

An original land deed was taken from the restricted reading room of Aldermarsh County Archive between 13:15 and 16:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ines (intern), Priya (administrator), Sora (conservation specialist), Enzo (security officer).

Q Who took the original land deed?

1. Ines was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 3 colleagues.
2. Security camera footage shows Priya at the front desk between 13:15 and 16:00.
3. Enzo stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Only the four staff members had admin code access to the restricted reading room during the window.
5. Sora's research-room pass log shows continuous activity at the training center from 13:15 to 16:00.

A) Priya	B) Enzo	C) Sora	D) Ines
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CASE 07

An enzyme batch was taken from the sample storage of Coriolis Institute between 13:15 and 15:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Caelan (graduate student), Yvonne (safety officer), Polina (clinical coordinator), Cedric (lab technician).

Q Who swapped the enzyme batch?

1. Polina's freezer key log shows continuous activity at the training center from 13:15 to 15:00.
2. Security camera footage shows Caelan at the elevator landing between 13:15 and 15:00.
3. Yvonne stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Cedric's biohazard clearance log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 13:15 to 15:00.

A) Yvonne	B) Caelan	C) Cedric	D) Polina
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CASE 08

A historical photograph was taken from the conservation room of Aldermarsh County Archive between 15:30 and 17:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Maeve (head archivist), Ilya (researcher), Rosalind (genealogist), Kasper (clerk).

Q Who took the historical photograph?

1. Rosalind was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 7 colleagues.
2. Kasper was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 3 witnesses.
3. Security camera footage shows Ilya at the front desk between 15:30 and 17:30.
4. Only the four staff members had admin code access to the conservation room during the window.
5. Maeve stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Rosalind	B) Kasper	C) Ilya	D) Maeve
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CASE 09

A laptop was taken from the staff bathroom of Northgate Academy between 14:15 and 16:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Yusuf (principal), Joren (teacher), Hattie (department head), Nizar (secretary).

Q Who took the laptop?

1. Nizar's master key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 14:15 to 16:45.
2. Joren stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Security camera footage shows Hattie at the reception between 14:15 and 16:45.
4. Security camera footage shows Yusuf at the front desk between 14:15 and 16:45.

A) Nizar	B) Yusuf	C) Hattie	D) Joren
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 A) Odell

- ☑ A restricted donor file was taken from the cataloging room between 16:10 and 18:15.
 - ☑ Mauro is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 02 A) Ula

- ☑ An expensive welding rod was taken from the blueprint room between 13:40 and 15:15.
 - ☑ Hiroshi is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 03 A) Galina

- ☑ A genealogy register was taken from the conservation room between 14:10 and 17:10.
 - ☑ Daphne is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 04 B) Bao

- ☑ A rare coin set was taken from the climate-controlled vault between 14:45 and 17:00.
 - ☑ Eleni is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 05 A) Yusuf

- ☑ A special collection key was taken from the reading room between 13:00 and 15:30.
 - ☑ Eira is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 06 B) Enzo

- ☑ An original land deed was taken from the restricted reading room between 13:15 and 16:00.
 - ☑ Ines is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 07 A) Yvonne

- ☑ An enzyme batch was taken from the sample storage between 13:15 and 15:00.
 - ☑ Caelan is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 08 D) Maeve

- ☑ A historical photograph was taken from the conservation room between 15:30 and 17:30.
 - ☑ Ilya is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 09 D) Joren

- ☑ A laptop was taken from the staff bathroom between 14:15 and 16:45.
- ☑ Yusuf is cleared – verified alibi during the window.