

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A source code repository was taken from the server farm of Solstice Labs between 15:40 and 17:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Alessio (intern), Etienne (DevOps lead), Finnegan (product manager), Akhil (security analyst).

Q Who extracted the source code repository?

1. Alessio stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Akhil's badge log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 15:40 to 17:30.
3. Only the four staff members had VPN credentials access to the server farm during the window.
4. The witness colleague confirms Etienne was at the code review room the entire time.
5. Security camera footage shows Finnegan at the reception between 15:40 and 17:30.

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| A) Etienne | B) Akhil | C) Alessio | D) Finnegan |
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CASE 02

An encrypted hard drive was taken from the legal archive of Meridian Capital between 16:45 and 19:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Alejandro (senior engineer), Elara (facilities coordinator), Bao (records clerk), Leila (intern).

Q Who took the encrypted hard drive?

1. The printer log confirms Alejandro was at the CEO office the entire time.
2. Elara was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 4 colleagues.
3. Security camera footage shows Leila at the front desk between 16:45 and 19:15.
4. Bao stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

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| A) Alejandro | B) Bao | C) Elara | D) Leila |
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CASE 03

A final exam answer sheet was taken from the records office of Hawthorne Day School between 13:45 and 15:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ishaan (janitor), Dimah (substitute teacher), Rhys (department head), Kenji (principal).

Q Who took the final exam answer sheet?

1. Kenji was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 3 attendees.
2. Ishaan stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Rhys's combination log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 13:45 to 15:30.
4. Security camera footage shows Dimah at the reception between 13:45 and 15:30.
5. Only the four staff members had records-room badge access to the records office during the window.

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| A) Kenji | B) Rhys | C) Ishaan | D) Dimah |
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CASE 04

An original land deed was taken from the research area of Helix Heritage Foundation between 13:10 and 15:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Omari (conservation specialist), Eleni (clerk), Mei (genealogist), Selene (security officer).

Q Who took the original land deed?

1. The badge swipe confirms Selene was at the administrator office the entire time.
2. Eleni was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 4 colleagues.
3. The reading-room sign-in confirms Mei was at the research area the entire time.
4. Omari stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

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| A) Mei | B) Selene | C) Eleni | D) Omari |
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CASE 05

A rare coin set was taken from the restoration lab of Brookfield Art Institute between 14:30 and 17:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Joren (tour guide), Aiko (archivist), Mira (art restorer), Thora (exhibition designer).

Q Who took the rare coin set?

1. Thora was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 3 colleagues.
2. The badge swipe log confirms Mira was at the storage basement the entire time.
3. Security camera footage shows Aiko at the main lobby between 14:30 and 17:30.
4. Joren stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

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| A) Thora | B) Aiko | C) Mira | D) Joren |
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CASE 06

A medieval folio was taken from the rare books vault of Aldermarsh Library between 15:10 and 18:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Tatum (rare-books curator), Iolanthe (reference librarian), Amelia (intern), Xiomara (head librarian).

Q Who took the medieval folio?

1. Tatum's staff key log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 15:10 to 18:45.
2. Iolanthe's reading-room pass log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 15:10 to 18:45.
3. Security camera footage shows Amelia at the reception between 15:10 and 18:45.
4. Xiomara stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

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| A) Xiomara | B) Amelia | C) Iolanthe | D) Tatum |
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CASE 07

A medical kit was taken from the equipment shed of Saint-Clair Field House between 14:00 and 16:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Katarina (equipment manager), Joaquin (referee), Adrian (star player), Xiomara (team statistician).

Q Who took the medical kit?

1. Xiomara stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Joaquin was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 5 colleagues.
3. Katarina was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 6 colleagues.
4. The time-clock record confirms Adrian was at the training pool the entire time.

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| A) Adrian | B) Xiomara | C) Katarina | D) Joaquin |
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CASE 08

A silver chalice was taken from the second-floor gallery of Metropolitan Gallery between 14:45 and 17:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Olive (night security), Nikolai (art restorer), Wilder (security guard), Alessio (curator).

Q Who took the silver chalice?

1. Olive was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 6 colleagues.
2. Wilder's vault combination log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 14:45 to 17:10.
3. Nikolai was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 3 witnesses.
4. Alessio stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

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| A) Nikolai | B) Alessio | C) Wilder | D) Olive |
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CASE 09

The box-office receipts were taken from the prop storage of Helix Repertory between 15:20 and 18:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Hasan (stage manager), Ronan (stagehand), Gemma (costume designer), Enzo (box-office manager).

Q Who took the box-office receipts?

1. Hasan's director's key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 15:20 to 18:00.
2. Gemma's director's key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 15:20 to 18:00.
3. Enzo was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 5 colleagues.
4. Ronan stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
5. Only the four staff members had director's key access to the prop storage during the window.

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| A) Gemma | B) Ronan | C) Hasan | D) Enzo |
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 C) Alessio

- ☒ A source code repository was taken from the server farm between 15:40 and 17:30.
 - ☒ Etienne is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 02 B) Bao

- ☒ An encrypted hard drive was taken from the legal archive between 16:45 and 19:15.
 - ☒ Alejandro is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 03 C) Ishaan

- ☒ A final exam answer sheet was taken from the records office between 13:45 and 15:30.
 - ☒ Dimah is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 04 D) Omari

- ☒ An original land deed was taken from the research area between 13:10 and 15:30.
 - ☒ Eleni is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 05 D) Joren

- ☒ A rare coin set was taken from the restoration lab between 14:30 and 17:30.
 - ☒ Aiko is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 06 A) Xiomara

- ☒ A medieval folio was taken from the rare books vault between 15:10 and 18:45.
 - ☒ Tatum is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 07 B) Xiomara

- ☒ A medical kit was taken from the equipment shed between 14:00 and 16:00.
 - ☒ Katarina is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 08 B) Alessio

- ☒ A silver chalice was taken from the second-floor gallery between 14:45 and 17:10.
 - ☒ Olive is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 09 B) Ronan

- ☒ The box-office receipts were taken from the prop storage between 15:20 and 18:00.
- ☒ Hasan is cleared – verified alibi during the window.