

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A grading book was taken from the records office of Pemberton School between 16:15 and 19:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Daphne (teacher), Octavia (substitute teacher), Bjorn (student council president), Kasimir (librarian).

Q Who took the grading book?

1. Octavia's staff key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 16:15 to 19:00.
2. Bjorn stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Security camera footage shows Daphne at the main lobby between 16:15 and 19:00.
4. Kasimir was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 3 colleagues.
5. Only the four staff members had staff key access to the records office during the window.

A) Daphne	B) Octavia	C) Kasimir	D) Bjorn
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CASE 02

A tournament prize money was taken from the equipment room of Brightline Fitness between 14:45 and 16:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ines (referee), Nikolai (team statistician), Daphne (athletic trainer), Magnus (assistant coach).

Q Who took the tournament prize money?

1. Nikolai stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Security camera footage shows Magnus at the elevator landing between 14:45 and 16:00.
3. The locker-room sensor confirms Daphne was at the equipment shed the entire time.
4. The locker-room sensor confirms Ines was at the main court the entire time.

A) Ines	B) Magnus	C) Nikolai	D) Daphne
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CASE 03

A strategy deck was taken from the CEO office of Meridian Capital between 13:30 and 16:10. Only four staff members had access during that window: Anand (intern), Amari (CFO), Mateo (executive assistant), Yara (security officer).

Q Who took the strategy deck?

1. The printer log confirms Amari was at the executive suite the entire time.
2. Security camera footage shows Mateo at the front desk between 13:30 and 16:10.
3. Anand's admin credentials log shows continuous activity at the training center from 13:30 to 16:10.
4. Yara stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Anand	B) Amari	C) Yara	D) Mateo
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CASE 04

A grading book was taken from the faculty lounge of Northgate Academy between 14:40 and 17:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Cassia (student council president), Hadley (janitor), Olive (substitute teacher), Tess (teacher).

Q Who took the grading book?

1. The hallway camera confirms Tess was at the records office the entire time.
2. Cassia stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Hadley was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 4 attendees.
4. Olive was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.

A) Cassia	B) Olive	C) Hadley	D) Tess
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CASE 05

A historical photograph was taken from the research area of City Records Office between 13:15 and 15:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ramona (researcher), Nizar (security officer), Elspeth (volunteer), Juno (head archivist).

Q Who took the historical photograph?

1. Elspeth was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 4 witnesses.
2. The badge swipe confirms Nizar was at the cataloging room the entire time.
3. Juno stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Ramona's research-room pass log shows continuous activity at the training center from 13:15 to 15:15.
5. Only the four staff members had research-room pass access to the research area during the window.

A) Nizar	B) Elspeth	C) Ramona	D) Juno
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CASE 06

The box-office receipts were taken from the green room of Pemberton Opera House between 13:45 and 15:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Gemma (costume designer), Rhys (box-office manager), Aaliyah (musical director), Dimitri (stagehand).

Q Who took the box-office receipts?

1. Aaliyah's prop-room code log shows continuous activity at the training center from 13:45 to 15:15.
2. The witness crew member confirms Dimitri was at the costume room the entire time.
3. Gemma stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Only the four staff members had box-office key access to the green room during the window.
5. Rhys's director's key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 13:45 to 15:15.

A) Rhys	B) Dimitri	C) Gemma	D) Aaliyah
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CASE 07

A reservation book was taken from the front register of Quartermaine's between 15:15 and 17:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Gemma (head chef), Elspeth (bartender), Caelan (host), Ulla (server).

Q Who took the reservation book?

1. Elspeth stated they were taking a short walk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
2. Security camera footage shows Ulla at the reception between 15:15 and 17:30.
3. Only the four staff members had register code access to the front register during the window.
4. Caelan's master key log shows continuous activity at the training center from 15:15 to 17:30.
5. Security camera footage shows Gemma at the front desk between 15:15 and 17:30.

A) Caelan	B) Ulla	C) Elspeth	D) Gemma
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CASE 08

A rare first edition was taken from the reading room of Quartermaine Archive between 13:40 and 15:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Zinnia (cataloger), Emiko (volunteer), Hadley (rare-books curator), Hasan (archivist).

Q Who took the rare first edition?

1. Emiko was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 5 colleagues.
2. Hadley was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 5 colleagues.
3. Zinnia stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Security camera footage shows Hasan at the reception between 13:40 and 15:45.
5. Only the four staff members had vault key access to the reading room during the window.

A) Emiko	B) Hadley	C) Hasan	D) Zinnia
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CASE 09

The signed jerseys were taken from the training facility of Aldermarsh Arena between 14:30 and 16:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Kasimir (athletic trainer), Alessio (referee), Enzo (star player), Adrian (team statistician).

Q Who took the signed jerseys?

1. Enzo was leading a demonstration during the window – confirmed by 8 colleagues.
2. Security camera footage shows Kasimir at the main lobby between 14:30 and 16:30.
3. Alessio's facility badge log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 14:30 to 16:30.
4. Adrian stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Alessio	B) Enzo	C) Kasimir	D) Adrian
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 D) Bjorn

- ☑ A grading book was taken from the records office between 16:15 and 19:00.
 - ☑ Daphne is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 02 C) Nikolai

- ☑ A tournament prize money was taken from the equipment room between 14:45 and 16:00.
 - ☑ Ines is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 03 C) Yara

- ☑ A strategy deck was taken from the CEO office between 13:30 and 16:10.
 - ☑ Anand is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 04 A) Cassia

- ☑ A grading book was taken from the faculty lounge between 14:40 and 17:30.
 - ☑ Hadley is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 05 D) Juno

- ☑ A historical photograph was taken from the research area between 13:15 and 15:15.
 - ☑ Ramona is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 06 C) Gemma

- ☑ The box-office receipts were taken from the green room between 13:45 and 15:15.
 - ☑ Rhys is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 07 C) Elspeth

- ☑ A reservation book was taken from the front register between 15:15 and 17:30.
 - ☑ Gemma is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 08 D) Zinnia

- ☑ A rare first edition was taken from the reading room between 13:40 and 15:45.
 - ☑ Emiko is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 09 D) Adrian

- ☑ The signed jerseys were taken from the training facility between 14:30 and 16:30.
 - ☑ Kasimir is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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