

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

The production funds were taken from the dressing room of Northgate Stage between 13:15 and 15:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Quentin (lead actor), Talia (stagehand), Gisela (stage manager), Bayan (box-office manager).

Q Who took the production funds?

1. The props inventory log confirms Talia was at the catwalk the entire time.
2. Bayan stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. Security camera footage shows Gisela at the reception between 13:15 and 15:00.
4. Security camera footage shows Quentin at the front desk between 13:15 and 15:00.

A) Bayan	B) Talia	C) Quentin	D) Gisela
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CASE 02

A science project was taken from the exam preparation room of Northgate Academy between 13:20 and 15:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Maeve (principal), Lior (coach), Katarina (secretary), Isolde (school counselor).

Q Who took the science project?

1. Security camera footage shows Maeve at the elevator landing between 13:20 and 15:00.
2. The keycard log confirms Isolde was at the computer lab the entire time.
3. Lior stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Katarina's records-room badge log shows continuous activity at the training center from 13:20 to 15:00.

A) Katarina	B) Maeve	C) Isolde	D) Lior
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CASE 03

A rare coin set was taken from the loading dock of Saint-Clair Museum between 16:45 and 18:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Oren (gift shop manager), Ezra (archivist), Tomas (curator), Renata (art restorer).

Q Who took the rare coin set?

1. Oren's security badge log shows continuous activity at the training center from 16:45 to 18:45.
2. Tomas stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
3. The door sensor confirms Ezra was at the second-floor gallery the entire time.
4. Security camera footage shows Renata at the reception between 16:45 and 18:45.

A) Tomas	B) Ezra	C) Oren	D) Renata
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CASE 04

An illuminated codex was taken from the archive storage of Aldermarsh Library between 14:40 and 16:00. Only four staff members had access during that window: Dario (reference librarian), Selene (intern), Ezra (custodian), Iolanthe (research assistant).

Q Who took the illuminated codex?

1. Dario's archive badge log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 14:40 to 16:00.
2. Iolanthe's vault key log shows continuous activity at the off-site facility from 14:40 to 16:00.
3. Ezra stated they were resting in the break room, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
4. Security camera footage shows Selene at the front desk between 14:40 and 16:00.

A) Iolanthe	B) Dario	C) Selene	D) Ezra
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CASE 05

A historical photograph was taken from the research area of City Records Office between 16:15 and 18:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Joren (conservation specialist), Akhil (clerk), Zoltan (head archivist), Marisol (genealogist).

Q Who took the historical photograph?

1. The vault entry record confirms Akhil was at the registration desk the entire time.
2. Joren was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 6 witnesses.
3. Marisol was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 4 witnesses.
4. Zoltan stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Joren	B) Akhil	C) Zoltan	D) Marisol
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CASE 06

A lead actor's costume was taken from the prop storage of Helix Repertory between 15:45 and 17:45. Only four staff members had access during that window: Ilya (prop master), Indira (musical director), Vidal (stagehand), Kerensa (box-office manager).

Q Who took the lead actor's costume?

1. Ilya was leading a meeting during the window – confirmed by 4 witnesses.
2. Indira's director's key log shows continuous activity at the training center from 15:45 to 17:45.
3. The rehearsal sign-in confirms Vidal was at the backstage left the entire time.
4. Only the four staff members had backstage pass access to the prop storage during the window.
5. Kerensa stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Kerensa	B) Indira	C) Vidal	D) Ilya
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CASE 07

The laptop with trade secrets were taken from the conference room B of Helix Corporation between 16:15 and 19:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Aaliyah (IT administrator), Olive (senior engineer), Zinnia (security officer), Hattie (CFO).

Q Who took the laptop with trade secrets?

1. Olive was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 5 attendees.
2. The elevator log confirms Hattie was at the server room the entire time.
3. Zinnia's VPN access log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 16:15 to 19:15.
4. Only the four staff members had employee badge access to the conference room B during the window.
5. Aaliyah stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Zinnia	B) Hattie	C) Aaliyah	D) Olive
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CASE 08

The encryption keys were taken from the server farm of Northgate Systems between 14:20 and 16:30. Only four staff members had access during that window: Tarek (senior engineer), Diallo (product manager), Iolanthe (CTO), Kalisa (intern).

Q Who extracted the encryption keys?

1. The witness colleague confirms Diallo was at the war room the entire time.
2. Only the four staff members had VPN credentials access to the server farm during the window.
3. Security camera footage shows Kalisa at the elevator landing between 14:20 and 16:30.
4. Tarek stated they were on a coffee run, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.
5. Iolanthe was leading a tour during the window – confirmed by 3 attendees.

A) Tarek	B) Iolanthe	C) Kalisa	D) Diallo
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CASE 09

An illuminated codex was taken from the restoration room of Aldermarsh Library between 13:10 and 16:15. Only four staff members had access during that window: Bao (visiting scholar), Amelia (cataloger), Joaquin (rare-books curator), Ines (research assistant).

Q Who took the illuminated codex?

1. Joaquin was leading a session during the window – confirmed by 6 colleagues.
2. Ines's reading-room pass log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 13:10 to 16:15.
3. Bao's vault key log shows continuous activity at the remote office from 13:10 to 16:15.
4. Amelia stated they were reviewing files at their desk, but no witnesses or cameras can confirm this.

A) Amelia	B) Joaquin	C) Bao	D) Ines
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 A) Bayan

- ☑ The production funds were taken from the dressing room between 13:15 and 15:00.
 - ☑ Quentin is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 02 D) Lior

- ☑ A science project was taken from the exam preparation room between 13:20 and 15:00.
 - ☑ Maeve is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 03 A) Tomas

- ☑ A rare coin set was taken from the loading dock between 16:45 and 18:45.
 - ☑ Oren is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 04 D) Ezra

- ☑ An illuminated codex was taken from the archive storage between 14:40 and 16:00.
 - ☑ Dario is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 05 C) Zoltan

- ☑ A historical photograph was taken from the research area between 16:15 and 18:30.
 - ☑ Joren is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 06 A) Kerensa

- ☑ A lead actor's costume was taken from the prop storage between 15:45 and 17:45.
 - ☑ Ilya is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 07 C) Aaliyah

- ☑ The laptop with trade secrets were taken from the conference room B between 16:15 and 19:15.
 - ☑ Olive is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 08 A) Tarek

- ☑ The encryption keys were taken from the server farm between 14:20 and 16:30.
 - ☑ Diallo is cleared – verified alibi during the window.
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Case 09 A) Amelia

- ☑ An illuminated codex was taken from the restoration room between 13:10 and 16:15.
- ☑ Bao is cleared – verified alibi during the window.