

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A genealogy register was taken from the staff break room of Pemberton Genealogy Center during the overnight window between 20:15 and 22:00. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Adrian (genealogist), Roksana (clerk), Maeve (conservation specialist), Alessio (administrator), Gunnar (records administrator).

Q Who took the genealogy register?

1. Adrian's archive badge was activated at 20:15 at the staff break room.
2. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Roksana's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
3. Alessio's vault entry record places them at a documented training session from 20:15 to roughly 22:00.
4. Archive badge access to the staff break room is restricted to Alessio, Adrian, Maeve.
5. Maeve's reading-room sign-in places them at a hospital visit from 20:15 to roughly 22:00.
6. Adrian has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 20:15.
7. Gunnar's reading-room sign-in places them at a remote conference from 20:15 to roughly 22:00.
8. Adrian had passed-over promotion, well-documented in HR records.
9. The theft required firmware manipulation. Only Adrian, Roksana, Maeve have it among the suspects.
- 10 Roksana's reading-room sign-in places them at a documented training session from 20:15 to roughly 22:00.

A) Alessio	B) Maeve	C) Gunnar	D) Adrian	E) Roksana
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CASE 02

The locker contents were taken from the coach's office of Aldermarsh Arena during the overnight window between 21:30 and 23:00. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Leila (athletic trainer), Pavel (head coach), Esme (team captain), Alessio (referee), Amari (rookie player), Ulla (equipment manager).

Q Who took the locker contents?

1. Amari's badge log places them at a remote conference from 21:30 to roughly 23:00.
2. Esme has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 21:30.
3. The theft required complex schematic knowledge. Only Esme, Amari, Alessio have it among the suspects.
4. Esme's facility badge was activated at 21:30 at the coach's office.
5. Facility badge access to the coach's office is restricted to Esme, Amari.
6. Esme had passed-over promotion, well-documented in HR records.
7. Leila's locker-room sensor places them at a hospital visit from 21:30 to roughly 23:00.
8. Alessio's badge log places them at a hospital visit from 21:30 to roughly 23:00.
9. Pavel's locker-room sensor places them at a remote conference from 21:30 to roughly 23:00.
- 10 Ulla's time-clock record places them at a documented training session from 21:30 to roughly 23:00.

A) Ulla	B) Alessio	C) Leila	D) Pavel	E) Esme	F) Amari
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CASE 03

An original script was taken from the prop storage of Saint-Clair Playhouse during the overnight window between 21:15 and 23:15. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Ginevra (understudy), Anastasia (director), Lana (prop master), Quincy (stagehand), Finnegan (musical director), Xiomara (costume designer).

Q Who took the original script?

1. Quincy's box-office system places them at a hospital visit from 21:15 to roughly 23:15.
2. Ginevra's rehearsal sign-in places them at an offsite location from 21:15 to roughly 23:15.
3. Finnegan's props inventory log places them at an offsite location from 21:15 to roughly 23:15.
4. Backstage pass access to the prop storage is restricted to Xiomara, Quincy, Anastasia.
5. Lana's dressing-room sign-in places them at a documented training session from 21:15 to roughly 23:15.
6. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Quincy's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
7. Xiomara has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 21:15.
8. Xiomara had recent disciplinary action, well-documented in HR records.
9. Xiomara's backstage pass was activated at 21:15 at the prop storage.
- 10 The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise. Only Xiomara, Lana, Quincy have it among the suspects.
- 11 Anastasia's stage door camera places them at a remote conference from 21:15 to roughly 23:15.

A) Anastasia	B) Quincy	C) Ginevra	D) Lana	E) Finnegan	F) Xiomara
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CASE 04

A register cash was taken from the wine cellar of Helix Kitchen during the overnight window between 20:45 and 22:15. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Florian (server), Xanthe (sous chef), Ula (sommelier), Leila (head chef), Jules (pastry chef), Nadia (host).

Q Who took the register cash?

1. Jules's witness server places them at a hospital visit from 20:45 to roughly 22:15.
2. Florian's time-clock record places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 20:45 to roughly 22:15.
3. Leila has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 20:45.
4. The theft required medical sedative protocols. Only Leila, Florian, Jules have it among the suspects.
5. Xanthe's witness server places them at a hospital visit from 20:45 to roughly 22:15.
6. Ula's reservation system places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 20:45 to roughly 22:15.
7. Leila had passed-over promotion, well-documented in HR records.
8. Register code access to the wine cellar is restricted to Leila, Nadia, Ula.
9. Leila's register code was activated at 20:45 at the wine cellar.
- 10 Nadia's front-of-house camera places them at a remote conference from 20:45 to roughly 22:15.

A) Jules	B) Leila	C) Florian	D) Nadia	E) Ula	F) Xanthe
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CASE 05

A client database was taken from the server room of Northgate Partners during the overnight window between 21:15 and 23:00. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Kenji (executive assistant), Mahdi (HR director), Meriel (senior engineer), Nadia (legal counsel), Noor (IT administrator), Tariq (CFO).

Q Who took the client database?

1. The corporate theft required firmware manipulation. Only Meriel, Kenji, Noor have it among the suspects.
2. Mahdi's VPN session log places them at a hospital visit from 21:15 to roughly 23:00.
3. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Nadia's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
4. Kenji's elevator log places them at an offsite location from 21:15 to roughly 23:00.
5. Nadia's security badge log places them at an offsite location from 21:15 to roughly 23:00.
6. Meriel's witness account places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:15 to roughly 23:00.
7. Noor's VPN access was activated at 21:15 at the server room.
8. VPN access access to the server room is restricted to Noor, Nadia.
9. Tariq's security badge log places them at a remote conference from 21:15 to roughly 23:00.
- 10 Noor has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 21:15.
- 11 Noor had recent disciplinary action, well-documented in HR records.

A) Nadia	B) Noor	C) Meriel	D) Mahdi	E) Kenji	F) Tariq
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CASE 06

The sealed wills were taken from the research area of Aldermarsh County Archive during the overnight window between 19:00 and 21:45. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Priya (volunteer), Quincy (security officer), Wren (conservation specialist), Rosalind (intern), Klaus (genealogist).

Q Who took the sealed wills?

1. Klaus's reading-room sign-in places them at an offsite location from 19:00 to roughly 21:45.
2. Wren had an ongoing dispute with management, well-documented in HR records.
3. Archive badge access to the research area is restricted to Wren, Priya, Quincy.
4. Wren's archive badge was activated at 19:00 at the research area.
5. Quincy's badge swipe places them at a remote conference from 19:00 to roughly 21:45.
6. Priya's badge swipe places them at a documented training session from 19:00 to roughly 21:45.
7. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Quincy's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
8. Wren has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 19:00.
9. The theft required social-engineering skill. Only Wren, Rosalind, Priya have it among the suspects.
- 10 Rosalind's vault entry record places them at a hospital visit from 19:00 to roughly 21:45.

A) Quincy	B) Klaus	C) Rosalind	D) Wren	E) Priya
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 D) Adrian

- ☒ The theft required firmware manipulation, archive badge, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Roksana has the skill but no archive badge – cleared.
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Case 02 E) Esme

- ☒ The theft required complex schematic knowledge, facility badge, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Leila lacks the required complex schematic knowledge – cleared.
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Case 03 F) Xiomara

- ☒ The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise, backstage pass, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Ginevra lacks the required advanced lock-picking expertise – cleared.
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Case 04 B) Leila

- ☒ The theft required medical sedative protocols, register code, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Florian has the skill but no register code – cleared.
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Case 05 B) Noor

- ☒ The corporate theft required firmware manipulation, VPN access, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Kenji has the skill but no VPN access – cleared.
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Case 06 D) Wren

- ☒ The theft required social-engineering skill, archive badge, and a motivating reason.
- ☒ Priya has skill and access but a verified alibi places them offsite – cleared.