

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A donor list was taken from the special collections room of Northgate Library during the overnight window between 19:00 and 21:00. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Isolde (reference librarian), Talia (research assistant), Rhys (custodian), Tariq (rare-books curator), Hadley (head librarian), Bayan (archivist).

Q Who took the donor list?

1. Hadley's archive log places them at a documented training session from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.
2. Isolde had a documented grievance, well-documented in HR records.
3. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Hadley's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
4. Bayan's door sensor places them at an offsite location from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.
5. Talia's security camera places them at a documented training session from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.
6. The theft required professional restoration training. Only Talia, Tariq, Isolde have it among the suspects.
7. Tariq's badge swipe places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.
8. Reading-room pass access to the special collections room is restricted to Isolde, Bayan.
9. Isolde has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 19:00.
- 10 Rhys's book-checkout record places them at a hospital visit from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.

11 Isolde's reading-room pass was activated at 19:00 at the special collections room.

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| A) Hadley | B) Isolde | C) Rhys | D) Talia | E) Tariq | F) Bayan |
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CASE 02

An accounting ledger was taken from the server room of Brightline Holdings during the overnight window between 19:45 and 21:45. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Bayan (IT administrator), Enzo (records clerk), Xiomara (intern), Rhys (facilities coordinator), Nikolai (CFO).

Q Who took the accounting ledger?

1. Enzo has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 19:45.
2. Bayan's door access record places them at a remote conference from 19:45 to roughly 21:45.
3. Rhys's door access record places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 19:45 to roughly 21:45.
4. The corporate theft required professional restoration training. Only Enzo, Xiomara, Bayan have it among the suspects.
5. Enzo's elevator key was activated at 19:45 at the server room.
6. Enzo had passed-over promotion, well-documented in HR records.
7. Elevator key access to the server room is restricted to Enzo, Xiomara, Bayan.
8. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Nikolai's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
9. Nikolai's witness account places them at a remote conference from 19:45 to roughly 21:45.
- 10 Xiomara's elevator log places them at a hospital visit from 19:45 to roughly 21:45.

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| A) Enzo | B) Bayan | C) Xiomara | D) Nikolai | E) Rhys |
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CASE 03

A signed manuscript was taken from the prep workshop of Aldworth Collection during the overnight window between 21:30 and 23:15. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Noor (security guard), Bjorn (janitor), Diallo (curator), Polina (gift shop manager), Tariq (tour guide), Damaris (archivist).

Q Who took the signed manuscript?

1. Diallo's elevator log places them at an offsite location from 21:30 to roughly 23:15.
2. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Damaris's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
3. Polina had recent disciplinary action, well-documented in HR records.
4. Polina has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 21:30.
5. Bjorn's motion sensor places them at a remote conference from 21:30 to roughly 23:15.
6. Noor's badge swipe log places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:30 to roughly 23:15.
7. The theft required medical sedative protocols. Only Polina, Noor, Diallo have it among the suspects.
8. Elevator access to the prep workshop is restricted to Tariq, Noor, Polina.
9. Damaris's motion sensor places them at an offsite location from 21:30 to roughly 23:15.
- 10 Polina's elevator access was activated at 21:30 at the prep workshop.
- 11 Tariq's security camera places them at a documented training session from 21:30 to roughly

23:15. A) Tariq	B) Bjorn	C) Diallo	D) Noor	E) Polina	F) Damaris
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CASE 04

A signed binary release was extracted from the server farm of Meridian Data during the overnight window between 21:45 and 23:30. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Esme (intern), Mahdi (support lead), Mira (product manager), Mei (security analyst), Iolanthe (DevOps lead).

Q Who extracted the signed binary release?

1. Mei's admin token was activated at 21:45 at the server farm.
2. Mahdi's badge swipe places them at a documented training session from 21:45 to roughly 23:30.
3. Esme's VPN session log places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:45 to roughly 23:30.
4. Iolanthe's VPN session log places them at a remote conference from 21:45 to roughly 23:30.
5. Admin token access to the server farm is restricted to Mira, Esme, Mei.
6. Mira's SSH authentication log places them at an offsite location from 21:45 to roughly 23:30.
7. Mei had a documented grievance, well-documented in HR records.
8. The data theft required complex schematic knowledge. Only Mahdi, Mei, Mira have it among the suspects.
9. Mei has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 21:45.

A) Mahdi	B) Esme	C) Iolanthe	D) Mira	E) Mei
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CASE 05

A signed treaty was taken from the research area of Saint-Clair Historical Society during the overnight window between 19:00 and 21:00. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Simeon (records administrator), Elara (clerk), Zoltan (researcher), Faye (genealogist), Jacinta (volunteer).

Q Who took the signed treaty?

1. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Jacinta's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
2. Simeon's archive log places them at an offsite location from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.
3. Jacinta's reading-room sign-in places them at a documented training session from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.
4. Faye's camera footage places them at a hospital visit from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.
5. The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise. Only Zoltan, Simeon, Faye have it among the suspects.
6. Zoltan has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 19:00.
7. Admin code access to the research area is restricted to Zoltan, Jacinta, Elara.
8. Zoltan's admin code was activated at 19:00 at the research area.
9. Zoltan had passed-over promotion, well-documented in HR records.
- 10 Elara's camera footage places them at an offsite location from 19:00 to roughly 21:00.

A) Simeon	B) Faye	C) Zoltan	D) Elara	E) Jacinta
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CASE 06

A laptop was taken from the sports equipment room of Westbrook Academy during the overnight window between 20:45 and 22:30. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Damaris (librarian), Mei (coach), Tomas (janitor), Elara (teacher), Talia (substitute teacher).

Q Who took the laptop?

1. Tomas's keycard log places them at a hospital visit from 20:45 to roughly 22:30.
2. Talia had passed-over promotion, well-documented in HR records.
3. Elara's attendance log places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 20:45 to roughly 22:30.
4. Damaris's keycard log places them at an offsite location from 20:45 to roughly 22:30.
5. Mei's printer log places them at a remote conference from 20:45 to roughly 22:30.
6. Talia's staff key was activated at 20:45 at the sports equipment room.
7. Talia has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 20:45.
8. The theft required encryption key generation. Only Mei, Tomas, Talia have it among the suspects.
9. Staff key access to the sports equipment room is restricted to Elara, Talia, Mei.

A) Mei	B) Elara	C) Damaris	D) Tomas	E) Talia
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Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 B) Isolde

- ☒ The theft required professional restoration training, reading-room pass, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Talia has the skill but no reading-room pass – cleared.
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Case 02 A) Enzo

- ☒ The corporate theft required professional restoration training, elevator key, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Bayan has skill and access but a verified alibi places them offsite – cleared.
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Case 03 E) Polina

- ☒ The theft required medical sedative protocols, elevator access, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Noor has skill and access but a verified alibi places them offsite – cleared.
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Case 04 E) Mei

- ☒ The data theft required complex schematic knowledge, admin token, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Esme lacks the required complex schematic knowledge – cleared.
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Case 05 C) Zoltan

- ☒ The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise, admin code, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Simeon has the skill but no admin code – cleared.
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Case 06 E) Talia

- ☒ The theft required encryption key generation, staff key, and a motivating reason.
- ☒ Damaris lacks the required encryption key generation – cleared.