

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A tournament prize money was taken from the administration office of Pemberton Stadium during the overnight window between 20:00 and 22:00. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Sora (facilities manager), Saoirse (athletic trainer), Ines (star player), Zoltan (referee), Eira (team captain), Jules (equipment manager).

Q Who took the tournament prize money?

1. Facility badge access to the administration office is restricted to Eira, Sora.
2. Sora's witness teammate places them at an offsite location from 20:00 to roughly 22:00.
3. Zoltan's witness teammate places them at a hospital visit from 20:00 to roughly 22:00.
4. Jules's witness teammate places them at a documented training session from 20:00 to roughly 22:00.
5. Eira has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 20:00.
6. The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise. Only Eira, Zoltan, Jules have it among the suspects.
7. Eira's facility badge was activated at 20:00 at the administration office.
8. Ines's locker-room sensor places them at a hospital visit from 20:00 to roughly 22:00.
9. Saoirse's equipment sign-out places them at an offsite location from 20:00 to roughly 22:00.
- 10 Eira had a documented grievance, well-documented in HR records.

A) Eira	B) Sora	C) Zoltan	D) Ines	E) Saoirse	F) Jules
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CASE 02

The title transfer documents were taken from the administrator office of Helix Heritage Foundation during the overnight window between 21:45 and 23:45. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Rhys (clerk), Etienne (researcher), Tess (records administrator), Priya (volunteer), Dimitri (head archivist).

Q Who took the title transfer documents?

1. Tess had an ongoing dispute with management, well-documented in HR records.
2. The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise. Only Priya, Tess, Dimitri have it among the suspects.
3. Tess's archive badge was activated at 21:45 at the administrator office.
4. Archive badge access to the administrator office is restricted to Tess, Rhys, Priya.
5. Priya's camera footage places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.
6. Tess has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 21:45.
7. Rhys's reading-room sign-in places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.
8. Etienne's archive log places them at an offsite location from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.
9. Dimitri's vault entry record places them at an offsite location from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.

A) Etienne	B) Tess	C) Dimitri	D) Priya	E) Rhys
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CASE 03

A sealed wine bottle was taken from the pastry station of The Briar Room during the overnight window between 20:30 and 22:30. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Talia (dishwasher), Akira (manager), Caelan (server), Xanthe (bartender), Saoirse (sommelier), Galina (pastry chef).

Q Who took the sealed wine bottle?

1. Saoirse's witness server places them at a hospital visit from 20:30 to roughly 22:30.
2. Akira's register code was activated at 20:30 at the pastry station.
3. Caelan's reservation system places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 20:30 to roughly 22:30.
4. Akira has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 20:30.
5. Akira had an ongoing dispute with management, well-documented in HR records.
6. Talia's front-of-house camera places them at an offsite location from 20:30 to roughly 22:30.
7. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Xanthe's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
8. Galina's front-of-house camera places them at a remote conference from 20:30 to roughly 22:30.
9. The theft required encryption key generation. Only Akira, Xanthe, Saoirse have it among the suspects.
- 10 Register code access to the pastry station is restricted to Akira, Talia, Caelan.
- 11 Xanthe's time-clock record places them at a remote conference from 20:30 to roughly 22:30.

A) Caelan	B) Talia	C) Xanthe	D) Saoirse	E) Galina	F) Akira
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CASE 04

A principal's personal file was taken from the records office of Pemberton School during the overnight window between 19:15 and 21:00. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Rhys (janitor), Sami (secretary), Mikael (principal), Nikolai (school counselor), Esme (librarian), Zoltan (department head).

Q Who took the principal's personal file?

1. Mikael had an ongoing dispute with management, well-documented in HR records.
2. Sami's door sensor places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 19:15 to roughly 21:00.
3. Esme's printer log places them at a hospital visit from 19:15 to roughly 21:00.
4. Mikael's keypad code was activated at 19:15 at the records office.
5. Rhys's printer log places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 19:15 to roughly 21:00.
6. Keypad code access to the records office is restricted to Mikael, Rhys.
7. Mikael has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 19:15.
8. Nikolai's hallway camera places them at a remote conference from 19:15 to roughly 21:00.
9. Zoltan's hallway camera places them at a remote conference from 19:15 to roughly 21:00.
- 10 The theft required medical sedative protocols. Only Mikael, Sami, Esme have it among the suspects.

A) Mikael	B) Sami	C) Nikolai	D) Zoltan	E) Rhys	F) Esme
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CASE 05

An oil painting was taken from the second-floor gallery of Saint-Clair Museum during the overnight window between 21:45 and 23:45. Investigators have narrowed the field to 5 suspects: Bao (security guard), Lior (art restorer), Elara (exhibition designer), Zoltan (night security), Jules (docent).

Q Who took the oil painting?

1. Bao's door sensor places them at a documented training session from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.
2. Jules's master key was activated at 21:45 at the second-floor gallery.
3. Zoltan's security camera places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.
4. Lior's security camera places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.
5. Elara's badge swipe log places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 21:45 to roughly 23:45.
6. Master key access to the second-floor gallery is restricted to Jules, Bao.
7. Jules has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 21:45.
8. Jules had an ongoing dispute with management, well-documented in HR records.
9. The theft required encryption key generation. Only Jules, Elara, Lior have it among the suspects.

A) Bao	B) Jules	C) Elara	D) Lior	E) Zoltan
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CASE 06

A client database was taken from the server room of Quartermaine & Associates during the overnight window between 19:15 and 21:45. Investigators have narrowed the field to 6 suspects: Bayan (executive assistant), Nadia (intern), Zephyr (security officer), Noor (legal counsel), Rhys (records clerk), Bjorn (CFO).

Q Who took the client database?

1. Rhys's employee badge was activated at 19:15 at the server room.
2. Noor's printer log places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 19:15 to roughly 21:45.
3. Employee badge access to the server room is restricted to Rhys, Bayan.
4. A discarded note near the scene briefly suggested Nadia's involvement, but it was later traced to an unrelated incident.
5. Bjorn's security badge log places them at a hospital visit from 19:15 to roughly 21:45.
6. Zephyr's security badge log places them at an offsite location from 19:15 to roughly 21:45.
7. Nadia's elevator log places them at an offsite location from 19:15 to roughly 21:45.
8. Rhys has no verifiable account of their whereabouts after 19:15.
9. Bayan's witness account places them at a public event with hundreds of attendees from 19:15 to roughly 21:45.
- 10 Rhys had recent disciplinary action, well-documented in HR records.
- 11 The corporate theft required professional restoration training. Only Rhys, Bjorn, Noor have it among the suspects.

Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 A) Eira

- ☒ The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise, facility badge, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Sora lacks the required advanced lock-picking expertise – cleared.
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Case 02 B) Tess

- ☒ The theft required advanced lock-picking expertise, archive badge, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Rhys lacks the required advanced lock-picking expertise – cleared.
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Case 03 F) Akira

- ☒ The theft required encryption key generation, register code, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Talia lacks the required encryption key generation – cleared.
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Case 04 A) Mikael

- ☒ The theft required medical sedative protocols, keypad code, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Rhys lacks the required medical sedative protocols – cleared.
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Case 05 B) Jules

- ☒ The theft required encryption key generation, master key, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Bao lacks the required encryption key generation – cleared.
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Case 06 B) Rhys

- ☒ The corporate theft required professional restoration training, employee badge, and a motivating reason.
 - ☒ Bayan lacks the required professional restoration training – cleared.
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