

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

A wine collection inventory was taken from the pastry station of Northgate Grill between 16:20 and 18:00. The operation required authorized credentials. Five people had any plausible connection: Elspeth (host), Hasan (head chef), Yvonne (pastry chef), Magnus (sous chef), Mauro (server).

Q Who took the wine collection inventory?

1. The theft required authorized credentials – only Magnus and Elspeth have this among the five.
2. Yvonne was documented by the witness server in a different building during the window.
3. Elspeth's time-clock record confirms they were at the external office from 16:20 to 18:00.
4. Hasan was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
5. The pastry station is normally accessed only via cellar key, and Magnus's master key was used at 16:20.
6. Mauro was documented by the POS log in a different building during the window.
7. Magnus claims to have been out for a long break during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.

CASE 02

An Etruscan pendant was taken from the restoration lab of Argent Gallery between 15:40 and 18:00. The operation required expert knowledge of the system. Five people had any plausible connection: Aiko (tour guide), Mira (archivist), Lana (exhibition designer), Suri (curator), Ezra (security guard).

Q Who took the Etruscan pendant?

1. Mira was at the front desk the entire window during the window.
2. Ezra was at the main office the entire window during the window.
3. Aiko's security camera confirms they were at the off-site location from 15:40 to 18:00.
4. The restoration lab is normally accessed only via vault combination, and Lana's security badge was used at 15:40.
5. The theft required expert knowledge of the system – only Aiko and Lana have this among the five.
6. Lana claims to have been offsite for a personal errand during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
7. Suri was at the external facility the entire window during the window.

CASE 03

A catering payment was taken from the outdoor patio of Helix Kitchen between 13:00 and 15:15. The operation required specialized access privileges. Five people had any plausible connection: Juno (dishwasher), Phaedra (sous chef), Akira (head chef), Jian (sommelier), Tarek (line cook).

Q Who took the catering payment?

1. Juno was at the main office the entire window during the window.
2. Phaedra was documented by the witness server in a different building during the window.
3. Akira claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
4. Juno's master key was not used at any point during the window.
5. The outdoor patio is normally accessed only via register code, and Akira's cellar key was used at 13:00.
6. Jian was at the main office the entire window during the window.
7. Tarek's kitchen camera confirms they were at the off-site location from 13:00 to 15:15.

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CASE 04

An annotated copy was taken from the reading room of Quartermaine Archive between 15:20 and 18:10. The operation required required certifications. Five people had any plausible connection: Elspeth (custodian), Quincy (rare-books curator), Elara (head librarian), Etienne (research assistant), Omari (reference librarian).

Q Who took the annotated copy?

1. Quincy claims to have been out for a long break during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
2. Elara was at a scheduled training course during the window.
3. Omari was at the front desk the entire window during the window.
4. The reading room is normally accessed only via reading-room pass, and Quincy's staff key was used at 15:20.
5. Etienne was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
6. The theft required required certifications – only Elspeth and Quincy have this among the five.
7. Elspeth's book-checkout record confirms they were at the external office from 15:20 to 18:10.

CASE 05

A sealed wine bottle was taken from the prep kitchen of Aldermarsh Bistro between 14:20 and 17:45. The operation required expert knowledge of the system. Five people had any plausible connection: Leander (dishwasher), Frida (bartender), Mauro (manager), Tess (pastry chef), Emiko (host).

Q Who took the sealed wine bottle?

1. Leander's POS log confirms they were at the off-site location from 14:20 to 17:45.
2. Emiko was at a scheduled external meeting during the window.
3. Frida's manager key was not used at any point during the window.
4. Tess was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
5. Frida was at a scheduled conference call during the window.
6. The theft required expert knowledge of the system – only Leander and Mauro have this among the five.
7. Mauro claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.

CASE 06

A championship ring was taken from the coach's office of Brightline Fitness between 14:20 and 16:10. The operation required specialized access privileges. Five people had any plausible connection: Talia (team statistician), Bram (team captain), Caelan (head coach), Elara (athletic trainer), Zoltan (assistant coach).

Q Who took the championship ring?

1. Talia was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
2. Caelan claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
3. Elara's facility camera confirms they were at the off-site location from 14:20 to 16:10.
4. Zoltan was at a scheduled conference call during the window.
5. Bram's locker code was not used at any point during the window.
6. The theft required specialized access privileges – only Caelan and Elara have this among the five.
7. Bram was documented by the time-clock record in a different building during the window.

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CASE 07

The director's notes were taken from the backstage left of Helix Repertory between 15:30 and 18:10. The operation required required certifications. Five people had any plausible connection: Bjorn (director), Ginevra (box-office manager), Priya (understudy), Stellan (stage manager), Ezra (costume designer).

Q Who took the director's notes?

1. The backstage left is normally accessed only via backstage pass, and Priya's director's key was used at 15:30.
2. Stellan's prop-room code was not used at any point during the window.
3. Stellan was documented by the stage door camera in a different building during the window.
4. Bjorn was at a scheduled training course during the window.
5. Priya claims to have been out for a long break during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
6. Ginevra was documented by the props inventory log in a different building during the window.
7. Ezra's box-office system confirms they were at the off-site location from 15:30 to 18:10.

CASE 08

The clinical trial samples were taken from the medical records of Northgate Memorial between 15:40 and 17:30. The operation required technical training. Five people had any plausible connection: Enzo (volunteer), Lana (administrator), Dario (attending physician), Arjun (head nurse), Ravi (social worker).

Q Who took the clinical trial samples?

1. Ravi was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
2. Dario's restricted-wing access was not used at any point during the window.
3. The medical records is normally accessed only via hospital badge, and Lana's administrator code was used at 15:40.
4. The theft required technical training – only Lana and Enzo have this among the five.
5. Enzo's pharmacy CCTV confirms they were at the remote facility from 15:40 to 17:30.
6. Lana claims to have been offsite for a personal errand during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
7. Dario was at a scheduled external meeting during the window.

CASE 09

A signed treaty was taken from the cataloging room of City Records Office between 14:45 and 17:10. The operation required required certifications. Five people had any plausible connection: Hattie (conservation specialist), Beatrix (head archivist), Hadley (volunteer), Elara (intern), Stellan (records administrator).

Q Who took the signed treaty?

1. Elara was at a scheduled external meeting during the window.
2. Hattie was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
3. Hadley was at a scheduled conference call during the window.
4. The theft required required certifications – only Stellan and Beatrix have this among the five.
5. Stellan's witness patron confirms they were at the remote facility from 14:45 to 17:10.
6. The cataloging room is normally accessed only via admin code, and Beatrix's research-room pass was used at 14:45.
7. Beatrix claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.

Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 E) Magnus

- ☒ The theft required authorized credentials.
 - ☒ Hasan lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 02 D) Lana

- ☒ The theft required expert knowledge of the system.
 - ☒ Mira lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 03 B) Akira

- ☒ The theft required specialized access privileges.
 - ☒ Juno lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 04 C) Quincy

- ☒ The theft required required certifications.
 - ☒ Elara lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 05 D) Mauro

- ☒ The theft required expert knowledge of the system.
 - ☒ Frida lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 06 C) Caelan

- ☒ The theft required specialized access privileges.
 - ☒ Talia lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 07 D) Priya

- ☒ The theft required required certifications.
 - ☒ Bjorn lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 08 A) Lana

- ☒ The theft required technical training.
 - ☒ Dario lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 09 C) Beatrix

- ☒ The theft required required certifications.
 - ☒ Hattie lacks the required skill – cleared.
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