

Deduction Mysteries

CASE 01

The prototype specifications were taken from the filing cabinet of Northgate Partners between 14:20 and 16:10. The operation required technical training. Five people had any plausible connection: Fenella (legal counsel), Amari (senior engineer), Eitan (security officer), Diallo (executive assistant), Jules (intern).

Q Who took the prototype specifications?

1. The filing cabinet is normally accessed only via elevator key, and Jules's VPN access was used at 14:20.
2. The corporate theft required technical training – only Jules and Amari have this among the five.
3. Diallo's document-room code was not used at any point during the window.
4. Eitan was at the main office the entire window during the window.
5. Fenella was documented by the witness account in a different building during the window.
6. Jules claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
7. Diallo was at a scheduled conference call during the window.

CASE 02

An original script was taken from the green room of Northgate Stage between 16:45 and 19:00. The operation required authorized credentials. Five people had any plausible connection: Mei (stage manager), Magnus (director), Sora (understudy), Jian (box-office manager), Eitan (lead actor).

Q Who took the original script?

1. Jian was documented by the box-office system in a different building during the window.
2. The theft required authorized credentials – only Magnus and Eitan have this among the five.
3. Magnus's stage door camera confirms they were at the off-site location from 16:45 to 19:00.
4. The green room is normally accessed only via box-office key, and Eitan's director's key was used at 16:45.
5. Eitan claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
6. Sora was at a scheduled training course during the window.
7. Mei was at the main office the entire window during the window.

CASE 03

The board minutes were taken from the server room of Cedarstone Inc between 15:10 and 18:10. The operation required required certifications. Five people had any plausible connection: Zinnia (HR director), Renata (CFO), Frida (security officer), Diallo (facilities coordinator), Leander (executive assistant).

Q Who took the board minutes?

1. Renata was documented by the witness account in a different building during the window.
2. The server room is normally accessed only via VPN access, and Diallo's VPN access was used at 15:10.
3. The corporate theft required required certifications – only Diallo and Frida have this among the five.
4. Zinnia was documented by the printer log in a different building during the window.
5. Leander was at a scheduled external meeting during the window.
6. Frida's elevator log confirms they were at the off-site location from 15:10 to 18:10.
7. Diallo claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.

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CASE 04

A lead actor's costume was taken from the green room of Helix Repertory between 15:30 and 18:10. The operation required specialized access privileges. Five people had any plausible connection: Kenji (lighting tech), Eira (stagehand), Lana (stage manager), Dimah (prop master), Tariq (director).

Q Who took the lead actor's costume?

1. Lana was documented by the witness crew member in a different building during the window.
2. Dimah claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
3. Tariq's props inventory log confirms they were at the external office from 15:30 to 18:10.
4. Kenji's prop-room code was not used at any point during the window.
5. Eira was documented by the rehearsal sign-in in a different building during the window.
6. The green room is normally accessed only via backstage pass, and Dimah's director's key was used at 15:30.
7. Kenji was at the external facility the entire window during the window.

CASE 05

A donor list was taken from the curator office of Quartermaine Archive between 16:10 and 18:45. The operation required required certifications. Five people had any plausible connection: Priya (volunteer), Beatrix (research assistant), Etienne (custodian), Indira (cataloger), Sora (reference librarian).

Q Who took the donor list?

1. Etienne was at a scheduled training course during the window.
2. Sora was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
3. Indira claims to have been offsite for a personal errand during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
4. The curator office is normally accessed only via reading-room pass, and Indira's reading-room pass was used at 16:10.
5. Priya was at a scheduled conference call during the window.
6. Beatrix's badge swipe confirms they were at the off-site location from 16:10 to 18:45.
7. The theft required required certifications – only Indira and Beatrix have this among the five.

CASE 06

A client database was taken from the legal archive of Quartermaine & Associates between 16:00 and 19:45. The operation required technical training. Five people had any plausible connection: Ines (records clerk), Daphne (security officer), Lucia (HR director), Tomas (executive assistant), Ginevra (IT administrator).

Q Who took the client database?

1. The corporate theft required technical training – only Ines and Tomas have this among the five.
2. The legal archive is normally accessed only via employee badge, and Ines's admin credentials was used at 16:00.
3. Ginevra was at a scheduled external meeting during the window.
4. Daphne's employee badge was not used at any point during the window.
5. Lucia was at a scheduled training course during the window.
6. Ines claims to have been offsite for a personal errand during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
7. Daphne was at the front desk the entire window during the window.

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CASE 07

The sealed wills were taken from the administrator office of Pemberton Genealogy Center between 13:45 and 15:10. The operation required technical training. Five people had any plausible connection: Leila (genealogist), Nikolai (conservation specialist), Bjorn (security officer), Amelia (volunteer), Ravi (head archivist).

Q Who took the sealed wills?

1. The administrator office is normally accessed only via archive badge, and Amelia's research-room pass was used at 13:45.
2. Nikolai was documented by the reading-room sign-in in a different building during the window.
3. Amelia claims to have been offsite for a personal errand during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
4. The theft required technical training – only Amelia and Bjorn have this among the five.
5. Leila was at the external facility the entire window during the window.
6. Bjorn's archive log confirms they were at the off-site location from 13:45 to 15:10.
7. Ravi was documented by the witness patron in a different building during the window.

CASE 08

The sealed wills were taken from the restricted reading room of Helix Heritage Foundation between 14:20 and 17:15. The operation required expert knowledge of the system. Five people had any plausible connection: Odell (clerk), Hakim (researcher), Dimitri (administrator), Octavia (security officer), Sami (intern).

Q Who took the sealed wills?

1. Sami's archive log confirms they were at the remote facility from 14:20 to 17:15.
2. Octavia claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
3. The restricted reading room is normally accessed only via admin code, and Octavia's admin code was used at 14:20.
4. The theft required expert knowledge of the system – only Sami and Octavia have this among the five.
5. Odell's vault key was not used at any point during the window.
6. Odell was documented by the camera footage in a different building during the window.
7. Hakim was at the main office the entire window during the window.

CASE 09

A championship ring was taken from the press box of Aldermarsh Arena between 13:15 and 15:30. The operation required required certifications. Five people had any plausible connection: Damaris (referee), Nikolai (team statistician), Rhys (team captain), Cosima (star player), Diallo (athletic trainer).

Q Who took the championship ring?

1. Nikolai was at a scheduled training course during the window.
2. Cosima was at a scheduled external meeting during the window.
3. The theft required required certifications – only Rhys and Damaris have this among the five.
4. The press box is normally accessed only via equipment-room key, and Damaris's facility badge was used at 13:15.
5. Damaris claims to have been working alone in their office during the window. No supporting evidence has been provided.
6. Rhys's time-clock record confirms they were at the off-site location from 13:15 to 15:30.
7. Diallo was documented by the badge log in a different building during the window.

Answer Key – Deduction Mysteries

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

Case 01 B) Jules

- ☒ The corporate theft required technical training.
 - ☒ Fenella lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 02 A) Eitan

- ☒ The theft required authorized credentials.
 - ☒ Mei lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 03 A) Diallo

- ☒ The corporate theft required required certifications.
 - ☒ Zinnia lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 04 E) Dimah

- ☒ The theft required specialized access privileges.
 - ☒ Kenji lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 05 E) Indira

- ☒ The theft required required certifications.
 - ☒ Priya lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 06 B) Ines

- ☒ The corporate theft required technical training.
 - ☒ Daphne lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 07 D) Amelia

- ☒ The theft required technical training.
 - ☒ Leila lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 08 A) Octavia

- ☒ The theft required expert knowledge of the system.
 - ☒ Odell lacks the required skill – cleared.
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Case 09 A) Damaris

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