

Hello neighbor,

On the night of May 4th, 2023, the Stranger Creek Police Department found Daniel Miller, age 52, deceased in the alley behind the local library. Earlier that night he had visited the library for a weekly meeting of a book club. Investigators suspect foul play and furthermore suspect the culprit was also a member of said book club. They narrowed their list of suspects down to three people, included here in your case file. But more evidence, as well as witness statements, still need to be collected. We're hoping you can assist us.

By visiting each library program listed in this file, you'll be able to collect the remaining clues. The full details of the mystery will be revealed at the Crime Solvers party at the end of the series of programs. However, a keen sleuth may be able to solve the crime before then. You only need to attend one program to be invited to the party. If you attend 4, you'll be entered into a raffle to win a prize. Of course, the more you attend, the more evidence you'll collect to solve this mystery.

On the left side of this file is your Evidence Sheet: a list of programs and a slot for the confirmation number or sticker you can only acquire by attending, proving you investigated a lead. Behind this evidence log is a police report of the crime along with suspect profiles and additional information concerning the crime. Everything you need to get started.

Below is a list of helpful questions to pair with each piece of evidence you acquire. Use the right side of the folder to collect your findings.

- What unique information does this clue provide?
- Does this clue confirm or deny someone's statement?
- If this clue proves someone was lying, *why* did they lie?
- Which pieces of information provide your suspect with 1. Means 2. Motive and 3. Opportunity? These are the 3 key elements needed to find a criminal.

Lastly, one piece of investigating advice: a detective's job is mostly gathering information, then looking at it all together clearly. It's not often an intricate puzzle, but a collection of bits and pieces that when placed together paint a clear picture of the events. And of course, not every single detail can be recovered from a murder, or ever truly known, at least not by anyone who wasn't there.

Best of luck, and thank you for your help.



Chief Investigator Carol Dudley