

CRIME QUIZ #14



How's Your Crime Detection IQ?

In every crime mystery story we see or read we consciously or subconsciously play the role of Sherlock Holmes in an attempt to sift through clues and pinpoint the culprit. We consider it a victory if we are able to deduce the guilty party before the unveiling! If we fail, we at least appreciate the author's cleverness in concealing the perpetrator so skillfully.

A very well known London mansion was burglarized one morning while the owners were in France. The only person in the mansion at the time of the burglary was the butler. When interviewed by the London police about the burglary the butler stated: "At 9:30 a.m. in the morning while I was cleaning one of the upstairs bedrooms, I heard the sound of breaking glass downstairs in the area of the kitchen. When I went to investigate I saw the back door to the gardens had been forced open. Shortly I heard noises in living room and men's voices."

"I quickly ran into the hall fearing someone was in the mansion and hid in the 10 foot tall grandfather clock near the library. Within minutes I heard the thieves ransacking the library. When the grandfather clock struck 11:00 o'clock they left. I then emerged from the clock and discovered they took some expensive paintings and priceless ancient artifacts. I immediately called the police." The police verified the garden door to the kitchen was damaged from the outside and that the clock was large enough for the butler who was 5 foot 6 inches tall and very slender at 130 pounds to have climbed inside.

Was the butler telling the truth or a suspect? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER
