

CRIME QUIZ #1



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.

But just how good of a detective are you? Can you spot a flaw in a suspect's alibi, something that doesn't fit with the normal flow of events in time or logic! Can you equate the truth of a suspect's actions and movements in relation to the known facts or accounts of a crime?

Here is a case involving clues and alibis taken from an actual crime through the last century from the United States or abroad. Can you solve the crime?

The daughter of a New Orleans millionaire was kidnapped in the early 1920's and the father received a note threatening her extinction unless a ransom was paid immediately. The kidnapper demanded \$7,000 in \$500 bills (\$500 bills were first printed in 1918). The note came with a 14 inch - square box that included explicit instructions to use the item inside the box to deliver the money.

It was done, and the girl was returned unharmed. There wasn't a chance in the world for the police to stop payment of the ransom.

How was the ransom delivered?
