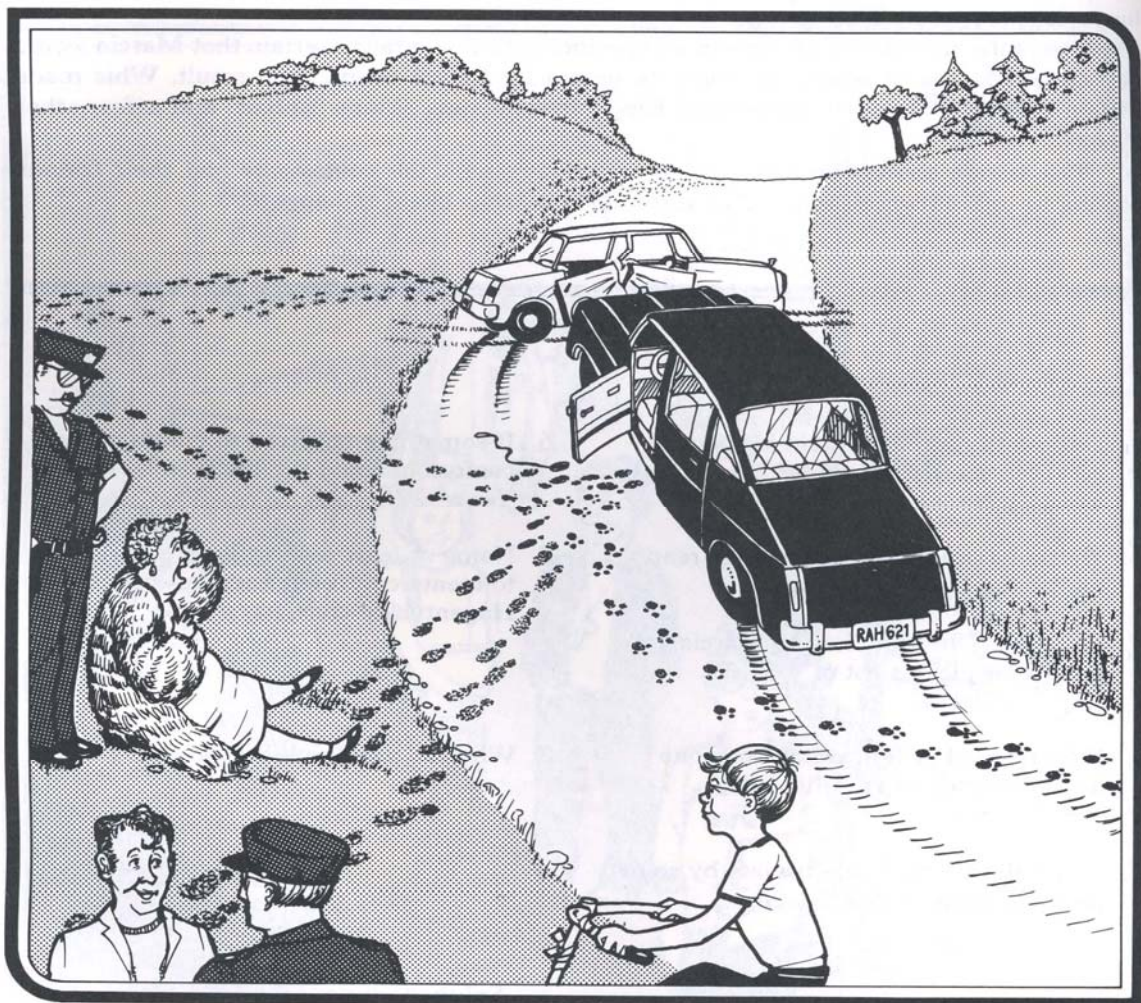


ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

You Solve the Mystery #2

Name: _____ Period: _____ Row: _____



The Case of the Missing Diamond

There had been a light rain on Saturday afternoon just before Mrs. Mendleson, a wealthy widow, had a misfortunate traffic accident. Mrs. Mendleson was traveling along the dirt access road that led to about a dozen homes in the outskirts of the city of Jackson. She had just rounded a bend in the road passing an apple orchard that blocked the view of the road ahead making it hard to see another car from a previous accident blocking the road. Because she was also going too fast she did not have time to react to avoid the car blocking the road. The result was a collision with Mr. Roberts vehicle and she was knocked unconscious. When she woke up she was being helped by the other driver Mr. Roberts and a teenage boy named Adam, who happened to be riding by on his bike moments following the accident and stopped to see if he could help. The following is a summary of the police investigation.

As a result of a light rain the dirt road became very slippery due to a light coating of mud. Mr. Roberts attempted to turn right onto a road leading to his house that was located several hundred yards off the road. Driving at a speed unsafe for the roadway conditions he lost control of his car and spun out blocking the road. According to Roberts, his car was struck by Mrs. Mendleson before he was able to get his car out of the roadway. As a result of the collision he

was momentarily dazed. When he was able to get out of his car saw he a teenage boy (Adam) leaning inside Mrs. Mendleson's car trying to help her. Robert's stated after he came to his senses he got out of his car on the driver's side and immediately went to help the other driver and the boy. Roberts stated that he was alone in his vehicle at the time of the collision. He stated that as he was approaching her car he could see she was unconscious and told the boy to ride his bike to the nearest house and call the police. During questioning by the police Mrs. Mendleson stated that a \$40,000.00 diamond necklace she was wearing was missing. Both Mr. Roberts and the boy who returned after making the call denied seeing it. The police searched them both along with the car and found no diamond necklace. The police further discovered the boy was a member of a local gang and had a prior arrest for burglary and drug use. They also discovered that Mr. Roberts had been cited by the police recently because the local mailman had called the police several times about Mr. Roberts dog chasing him and his mail truck.



WHO IS THE MOST LIKELY SUSPECT?

WHAT CLUES SUPPORT YOUR CHOICE OF SUSPECTS?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Describe how you believe the necklace was taken.
