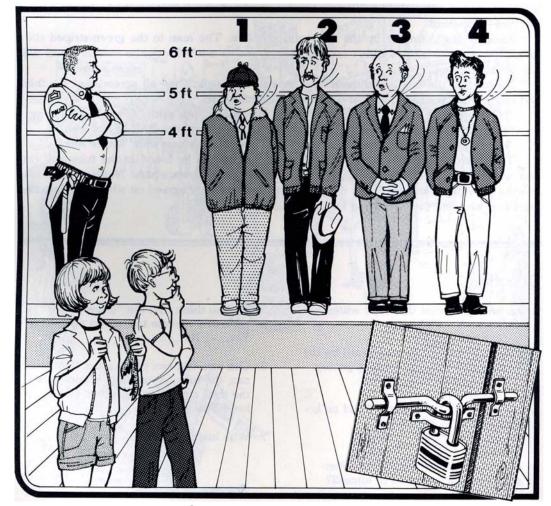
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE Opening Activity

You Solve the Mystery #1

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The Case of the Big Bang

In the fall of a new school year Larry Simpson tried out for a part in Middletown High School's upcoming play Brutus and was turned down after his audition. It turns out he was not a very skilled actor. It was a long ride home on the school bus especially thinking about not making the play. As Larry was about to get off the bus, he happened to be gazing through the window of the bus and saw somebody in a blue jacket fiddling with the padlock of the 7' wide by 4' high shed where he kept his new, fifteen speed bicycle that his uncle had given him as a gift. Larry knew he had locked the shed (see picture above to view how the lock appeared) before he went to school that morning because the bike was quite expensive.

The man seemed to be having trouble with the padlock as he was kneeling in front of the shed in his blue jacket and tennis shoes. After seeing the man, Larry jumped off the bus and yelled at the man (he probably shouldn't have), the man stood up ran to a fence turned sideways, and squeezed through a narrow opening near the shed. Larry was almost positive that the man was trying to steal his bike. Angry and excited, he ran to his house and shouted out that someone was trying to break into the shed to steal his bike.

Larry's father called the police as soon as he heard his son yelling the news. The police arrived within 5-10 minutes and rounded up four men with blue jackets they found in the area. The police called Mr. Simpson and asked Larry to come to the police station to identify the thief. Initially, Larry told the police he did not see the man's face but after carefully looking at the four men he pointed to one of the men and said, "Him. He's the thief."



WHO DID HE POINT OUT TO THE POLICE?
WHAT CLUES GAVE THE WANNABE THIEF AWAY?