

CRIME QUIZ #10



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.

The nephew of a murdered industrialist was questioned about the mysterious death of his uncle and asked for his whereabouts at 2 p.m. the day of the murder.

The nephew claimed to have gone sailing the day of the uncle's death at noon. He stated that at about 1 o'clock, although it was a clear-sunny day, the wind had died and his sailboat sat motionless in the bay. "I knew the proper distress signal was a flag hung upside down so I ran mine up to the top of the main mast. About 2 o'clock, an iron ore ship, the Dewitt, saw my signal from a half-mile off and came to my rescue towing my boat to shore. (The Dewitt unfortunately sank in a storm several days after the rescue with all persons on board being killed and could not verify the mans story.)

Did the nephew have a good alibi? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER
