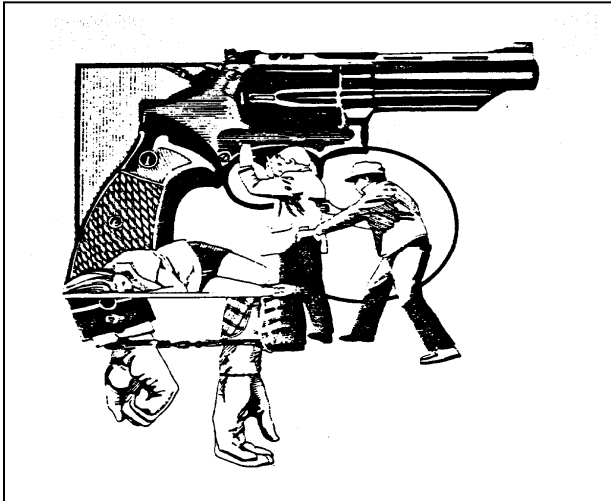


CRIME QUIZ #13



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 man went to a movie at 11 a.m. and when he returned home at 2 p.m. he found his wall safe had been forced open and a large sum of money was missing. The victim contacted the police as soon as he found the safe forced open. Investigating officers found no fingerprints or clues to be of any help in their investigation. When asked if he was living alone the victim replied that his cousin Sam was visiting but that he had left early that morning for the marina to go fishing.

When the detectives visited the dock they saw the cousins fishing boat pulling in at about 6 p.m. They questioned Sam about his whereabouts since leaving for the marina at around 9 a.m. Sam said he had rented a boat and been fishing ever since 10 a.m. The police verified that he had in fact rented the boat around 9:00 a.m. The police then asked Sam "Would you be willing to answer some questions concerning your cousin's safe being forced open and some items being stolen?"

Sam answered without hesitation, "I was out here on the lake all day and don't know anything about the burglary or the missing money."

Does Sam have a good alibi or is he a suspect? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER
