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Clue Murder Mystery Event Pack

Team Guide:

1. In this activity, your team must use the evidence provided to answer all questions within the time frame and solve the case.
2. As you work through the case and piece together the timeline of events, pay close attention to the details and read everything carefully. The questions themselves may provide important clues.
3. Discuss everything as a team before answering a question.
4. Once a question has been completed, the answer cannot be changed. If you're unsure of the answer, come back to the question later.
5. Answer the questions in any order. Some questions are locked to others which must be answered first.
6. Double check your spelling before submitting your answers. Spelling must be exactly right to earn points.
7. The app will recognize answers in multiple formats. For example, 5pm, 5 pm, and 5 p.m. are all acceptable answers. Capitalization for answers is not required.
8. The winning team will be the team that earns the most points by correctly answering the questions.

The printed and multimedia evidence and documentation listed below has been provided to aid you in your investigation. Navigate to the link below on your phone or laptop to access the audio and video recordings related to the case.

Printed Evidence:

Persons of Interest
Autopsy Report
Coroner's Case Report
Coroner's Photo Documentation
Hotel Accident Report
Investigative Interview: Samantha Davidson
Investigative Interview: George Pierce

Multimedia Evidence:

All multimedia resources are available at this link:

- <https://www.outbackteambuilding.com/helpful-resources/clue-resources>

Good luck with your investigation!

Persons of Interest



Neil Davidson

- CEO of SPROUT, Inc. (Sustainable Practices on Under-Yielding Turf)
- Renowned scientist from Russia who emigrated to the U.S. 20 years ago
- Awarded \$20 million grant for developing innovative biotech and genomic tools
- Bribes and blackmail are tools of the trade.



Samantha Davidson

- Neil Davidson's wife
- Former escort with a checkered past
- Has been controlled and blackmailed by Neil for years
- Neil promised her a divorce and hefty sum of money in return for helping him bribe and blackmail politicians
- Would receive a significant life insurance pay out upon Neil's death



Anya Alexievich

- Renowned Russian scientist
- Was romantically involved with her former colleague Nikolai Volkov
- Planned to marry Nikolai but he accused her of cheating on him
- Wants to expose her ex as an unethical, ruthless, and corrupt man



Sonja Alexievich

- Anya's 19-year-old daughter
- Visually impaired and going blind
- Visiting the United States for the first time
- Lived on SPROUT farms in Russia as a child



George Pierce

- Well known scientist and Neil's partner in SPROUT, Inc.
- Strong family connections with politicians and key industry stakeholders
- Fired from the American Granting Board for improper use of resources
- Knows many of the politicians Neil and Samantha were trying to blackmail
- In love with Samantha and wants to elope with her following her divorce



Michelle Pierce

- Unhappily married to George for 15 years
- Believes her husband is weak and Neil is using him for his connections
- Disagrees with Neil's dishonest business practices and George's involvement
- Suspects her husband is cheating on her



Monique Desjardins

- Anya's long-time friend from London
- Journalist covering science and medical issues for top industry publications
- Wants to expose the hidden dangers of the SPROUT formula

CASE # 94836-247

DATE _____

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DECEDENT Neil Davidson AGE 40s SEX M RACE W

ADDRESS 5103 Normis Road San Diego M W S D OCCUPATION: Scientist

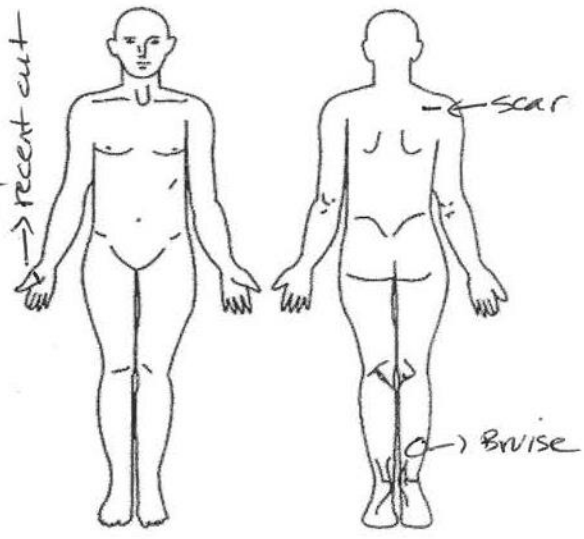
TYPE OF DEATH:

- 1: UNATTENDED
- 2: VIOLENT MEANS
 - MVA: DRIVER
 - PASSENGER
 - PEDESTRIAN
- 3: SUDDEN IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH
- 4. IN A PRISON
- 5. OF A PRISONER
- 6. SUSPICIOUS, UNUSUAL, UNNATURAL SPECIFY: _____
- 7. RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT
- 8. PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD
- 9. DURING A NESTHESIA OR SURGERY

NOTIFICATION BY: Samantha Davidson, wife

ADDRESS 5103 Normis Road San Diego CA 92115

LAST TERM ALIVE	INJURY OR ILLNESS	DEATH	EXAMINATION OF BODY
DATE <u>SAT</u>		<u>Sun</u>	
TIME <u>9:05</u>			
INJURY OR ONSET OF ILLNESS	LOCATION	TYPE OF PREMISES	
		<u>Private Residence</u>	
DEATH			
EXAMINATION OF BODY BY MED. EXAM.			
DESCRIPTION OF BODY			
CLOTHED _____ UNCLETHED _____	RIGOR		
PARTLY CLOTHED <u>X</u> HAIR <u>grey</u>	JAW <u>Y</u>		
BEARD _____ MUSTACHE _____	NECK <u>Y</u>		
EYES: COLOR <u>blue</u> OPACITIES, ETC. _____	BACK <u>Y</u>		
TEETH _____	LEGS _____		
WEIGHT <u>187</u> LENGTH <u>6'2"</u>	ARMS <u>Y</u>		
BODY HEAT <u>89.6</u>	CHEST <u>Y</u>		
	ABDOMEN <u>Y</u>		
	LIVOR		
	COLOR _____		
	ANTERIOR _____		
	POSTERIOR _____		
	LATERAL _____		
	REGIONAL _____		



PURSUANT TO SECTION 11 - 694 REVISED STATUTES I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I TOOK CHARGE OF THE BODY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND THAT AFTER MAKING INQUIRIES INTO THE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH AND EXAMINATION OF THE BODY IT IS MY OPINION THAT DEATH OCCURRED DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) AND IN THE MANNER STATED.

CAUSE OF DEATH: _____ MANNER OF DEATH (CHECK ONE ONLY):

- 1. Accident
- 2. Natural
- 3. Suicide
- 4. Unknown
- 5. Homicide
- 6. Pending

DISPOSITION OF CASE:

- 1. JURISDICTION DECLINED
- 2. AUTOPSEY, PERFORMED YES _____ 3. NO _____

BY: _____ SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER [Signature]



CORONER'S CASE REPORT

SAN DIEGO MEDICAL EXAMINER

K. Adaver, Deputy Coroner

NAME OF DECEASED: Davidson, Neil

CASE #: 94836-247

REPORTED BY: Detective L. Garcia

PHONE #: (619) 211-6304

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: San Diego Sherriff's Office

CASE TYPE: Removal

DECEDENT

DATE OF BIRTH: 11/03/1969

SEX: Male

RACE: White

HEIGHT: 6'2"

WEIGHT: 185 lbs

EYE COLOR: Blue

HAIR COLOR: Brown

LOCATION OF DEATH: Bedroom, ground level

LOD TYPE: Private Residence

ADDRESS: 5103 Norris Road, San Diego, CA 92115

COUNTY: San Diego

MANNER OF DEATH

PRIMARY CAUSE(S) OF DEATH: Heart arrhythmia, suffocation due to respiratory paralysis

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS & SUMMARY: Decedent's wife discovered him in the couple's bed at 12 p.m. on Sunday. It appears he expired in his sleep. Decedent had drunk alcohol the night prior. Prescribed bottle of sleeping pills found next to bed, mostly empty. Suspected overdose. Toxicology analysis requested. Decedent pronounced dead Sunday, 4:52 p.m.

NOTIFICATION

LEGAL NEXT OF KIN: Samantha Davidson

RELATIONSHIP: wife

ADDRESS: 5103 Norris Road, San Diego, CA 92115

PHONE #: (619) 211-4265

IDENTIFICATION METHOD: California State Driver's License



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Hotel del Paradiso

Accident Report

Name of Injured Person: Sonya Butler

Home Address: 1330 Market Street San Diego CA

Telephone No. none provided

Person Injured or Affected: Guest Non-guest Hotel Employee Other: (specify) _____

If Guest: Check in date: ___/___/___ Check out date: ___/___/___

In non-guest: Purpose of hotel visit: was outside hotel entrance

Time of Incident: 9:07 A.M. or P.M. Time incident reported: 9:10 A.M. or P.M.

Specific location of incident: near large windows outside main entrance to lobby

Thorough description (include incident details, nature of injury, material damages, outcome, etc.)

A man leaving a hotel function bumped into Ms. Butler when he was leaving the hotel. He was carrying a wine glass which shattered and cut Ms. Butler. Her eye glasses also fell to the ground and broke. The man fled the scene. A woman witnessed the incident and escorted Ms. Butler to the desk but left before giving her name.

Was a vehicle involved? No Yes - Make and model _____

Medical treatment required? No Yes - Medical facility _____

Did emergency officials respond? No Yes

Did anyone involved in this incident threaten a lawsuit? No Yes - Provide Details _____

N/A

Witness(es):

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Current status of situation / outcome of incident: I gave Ms. Butler first aid ointment and a bandage. She declined further medical treatment.

Further action required? No Yes - Explain: _____

Manager on Duty: Felicia Moore Title: Asst. Guest Services Manager

Person Completing Report: Sabrina Wells Title: Guest Services Associate



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

CASE NUMBER: 94836-247

REPORTING OFFICER: L. GARCIA

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Neil Davidson was found dead by his spouse in the couple's home. Investigating possible overdose. Awaiting toxicology report from lab.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 5103 Norris Road, San Diego, CA 92115

LOCATION TYPE: Private Residence

PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED: Samantha Davidson, spouse to the deceased

INTERVIEW LOCATION: Davidson residence: 5103 Norris Road, San Diego, CA 92115

DETAILED SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW: Arrived at the Davidson residence Monday at 9:37 a.m. Samantha Davidson was returning from her morning yoga class and preparing for a lunch date with a friend. Mrs. Davidson appeared calm but suspicious of the investigation. Admitted their marriage was on the rocks, expressed relief at her husband's death. Agreed to recap the events on Saturday evening leading to her husband's death.

Saturday, 7 p.m. – The couple arrived by car at Hotel del Paradiso for the Plant and Animal Genome Conference gala. Both had a glass of champagne and hors d'oeuvres that were being passed around by wait staff. Mrs. Davidson states that she did not spend much time with her husband that evening as he was networking and talking business with committee members and colleagues.

8 p.m. – Neil Davidson begins his keynote speech prior to the granting ceremony. Mrs. Davidson watched from the back of the ballroom. She noticed her husband seemed agitated and uncharacteristically nervous during his presentation. When Mrs. Davidson approached her husband following his speech and the award ceremony, he was visibly intoxicated and holding a champagne glass. Mr. Davidson stated that he was not feeling well and was going home. When Mrs. Davidson suggested that he was too impaired to drive, he lashed out at her in front of several people and walked hurriedly toward the hotel exit. That is the last time Samantha Davidson saw her husband alive. Approximate time 9:05 p.m.

Mrs. Davidson states that she stayed at the gala to allow her husband time to 'cool off'. She took a cab back to the couple's residence at 10 p.m. and arrived home at 10:30 p.m. She found a nearly empty bottle of whisky on the kitchen counter. The bedroom door was closed when she arrived home, so she slept in the guest room. She reports that this was a common occurrence in the couple's household.

Sunday, 12 p.m. – Her husband had not emerged from their bedroom by noon, and Mrs. Davidson thought her husband was sleeping late due to a hangover. When she went into their bedroom to check on him, she found him dead in their bed and called 911. Mrs. Davidson states that her husband was being treated for high blood pressure but was otherwise healthy.

Mrs. Davidson states that she knows nothing about the incriminating files on the jump drives that were distributed at the gala.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS: Interview others who were in attendance at the gala and close colleagues of Neil Davidson; find source of jump drives



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CASE NUMBER: 94836-247

REPORTING OFFICER: L. GARCIA

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Neil Davidson was found dead by his spouse in the couple's home following the Plant and Animal Genome Committee gala on Saturday evening. George Pierce appears to be one of the last people who spoke with Davidson in person before his death.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 5103 Norris Road, San Diego, CA 92115

LOCATION TYPE: Private Residence

PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED: George Pierce, colleague to the deceased; Michelle Pierce, George's wife

INTERVIEW LOCATION: Pierce residence: 3799 Vista Point, Bonita, CA 91902

DETAILED SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW: Arrived at Pierce residence Monday at 5:17 p.m. George Pierce had recently arrived home from work. Mr. Pierce states that he heard about his associate's death earlier that morning from a colleague at work. Mr. Pierce agreed to recap the events from Saturday evening.

Saturday, 6:40 p.m. – George and Michelle Pierce arrive at the Hotel del Paradiso by car. Mr. Pierce reports that the couple mingled with other attendees for about 30 minutes before talking briefly with Neil and Samantha Davidson. Pierce states that the deceased seemed 'jovial' and 'excited' to receive the \$20 million grant that they'd been working toward for so long. Mr. Pierce reports that the two men had a drink at the bar to celebrate their success and talk about the future of SPROUT. After about 20 minutes, Mr. Davidson excused himself. Mr. Pierce was standing to the side of the stage prior to the keynote and saw Mr. Davidson walking toward the stage just before the presentation. A woman with blonde hair and a scarf walked past the men, and Mr. Pierce saw Mr. Davidson do a double take. Mr. Pierce states that he did not recognize the woman and did not see her again that evening, but could see a change in Mr. Davidson's composure from that point.

Saturday, 8 p.m. – Mr. Pierce watched the keynote closely and could see that Mr. Davidson was sweating. He seemed to be nervously rushing through his carefully rehearsed presentation. Nearing the end of the awards ceremony, Mr. Pierce's wife brought him a glass of champagne. She remarked to her husband that Mr. Davidson looked agitated and passed him another glass of champagne to give to Mr. Davidson when he walked off the stage. Mr. Pierce states that Mr. Davidson downed the drink in one gulp and said something about 'seeing things' before walking off hurriedly. Both George and Michelle Pierce followed Mr. Davidson and witnessed his outburst at his wife. George was angered by Neil's public outburst at Samantha. The couple hurried after Davidson to try and calm him and prevent him from getting behind the wheel.

Michelle Pierce entered the room and introduced herself at this point of the interview. She placed fresh cut flowers in a vase on a nearby table and remained standing at a distance. Mrs. Pierce states that as Mr. Davidson rushed out of the hotel, he bumped into a young woman. He was still carrying the champagne glass which shattered. Mr. Davidson glanced at the woman with a shocked expression and ran down the sidewalk away from the scene. When she helped the young woman off the ground, Mrs. Pierce noticed that the woman's eye glasses were broken and she had a cut on her arm from the champagne glass. Mrs. Pierce escorted the woman to the front desk to get assistance. She reports that the young woman had a slight accent which she couldn't place and complained that she got a spot of blood on her cream-colored ball gown. Mrs. Pierce reports that she took a cab home immediately after to soak the bloodstain, leaving her husband at the gala. She arrived home at 9:50 p.m. and went to bed around 11 p.m.

George Pierce states that he went back to the gala for about 45 minutes longer before heading to a nearby cigar bar he frequents. He reports arriving home around 12:30 a.m. George says he did not call to check on his business partner at any point during the remainder of the weekend and that he did not know of his death until Monday morning. The Pierces stayed home on Sunday – George watching golf on TV and Michelle gardening.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS: Get copy of hotel incident report; locate injured woman; find source of jump drives