

Thank you for participating in our investigation today. You all worked hard during this time to help us solve the case.

Now, let's found out exactly what happened:

Neil Davidson had promised to grant his wife Samantha a divorce and give her a hefty sum of money in return for helping him blackmail politicians to get the \$20 million funding for SPROUT. He had pressured George into unscrupulous actions that had gotten him fired from the American Granting Board a year ago, ruining George's career and reputation. Samantha and George had done the underhanded things Neil asked of them, and now that Neil had received the grant, they would be free to divorce their partners and elope with plenty of money to start a new life together.

Anya goes to the gala with the intention of exposing Neil's corruption in front of everyone in attendance. When Neil locks eyes with Anya, she changes her mind about confronting him. Instead, she and Monique stealthily distribute the jump drives full of incriminating evidence against SRPOURT to all the key board members and industry leaders at the gala.

Following Neil's departure from the hotel on Saturday night, Samantha and George leave the gala and spend a few hours together. Sonja sees the two walking hurriedly away from the hotel when she is in the cab heading back to Monique's apartment. George tells Detective Garcia that after Neil left the hotel, he stayed at the gala for another 45 minutes before going to a cigar bar. Evidence supports that Samantha Davidson lied to Detective Garcia about the time she returned home that evening.

When Samantha finds Neil dead in the couple's bed on Sunday, she does not call 911 for over three hours (3:18 p.m.). Instead she calls George right away. During the 911 call at 3:18 p.m., Samantha says a friend is coming over, but there is no record of anyone aside from Samantha being present when the coroner arrives that afternoon. George lies to Detective Garcia when he says he stayed home all day on Sunday and only learned about Neil's death on Monday morning after arriving at work.

George and Michelle Pierce's relationship had been on the rocks for years. The attraction was long gone, and Michelle was suspicious that George was cheating on her. She noticed the way he and Samantha Davidson looked at each other and the awkward way they acted whenever the two couples were together.

Michelle extracted several toxic compounds from different poisonous plants in her garden to create a lethal concoction. She placed the extract in a vial and slipped it into a glass of champagne at the gala. She then gave the spiked champagne to George and asked him to give it to Neil following his speech. George's prints are found on the champagne glass, but Michelle's are not because she was wearing gloves at the gala.

By framing her husband for Neil's murder, Michelle planned to destroy both men and get revenge on Samantha. With Neil dead and George in prison, Michelle would be free to move on with her life with the bonus of knowing that her husband had lost all freedom behind bars.

Michelle Pierce poisoned Neil Davidson and tried to frame her husband, George, for the murder.