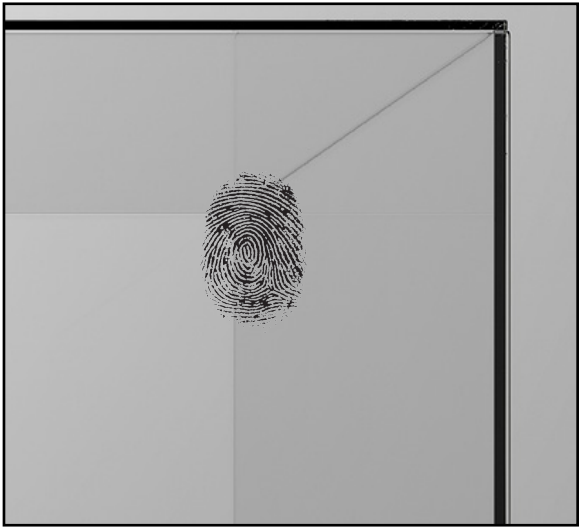


# POLICE INPUT



‘I managed to get two very clear  
finger prints off the glass display case.  
There were also several tiny finger print  
smears near and on the key pad, but there  
was no way I could get a print from those.  
Had a baby been near the display case?’

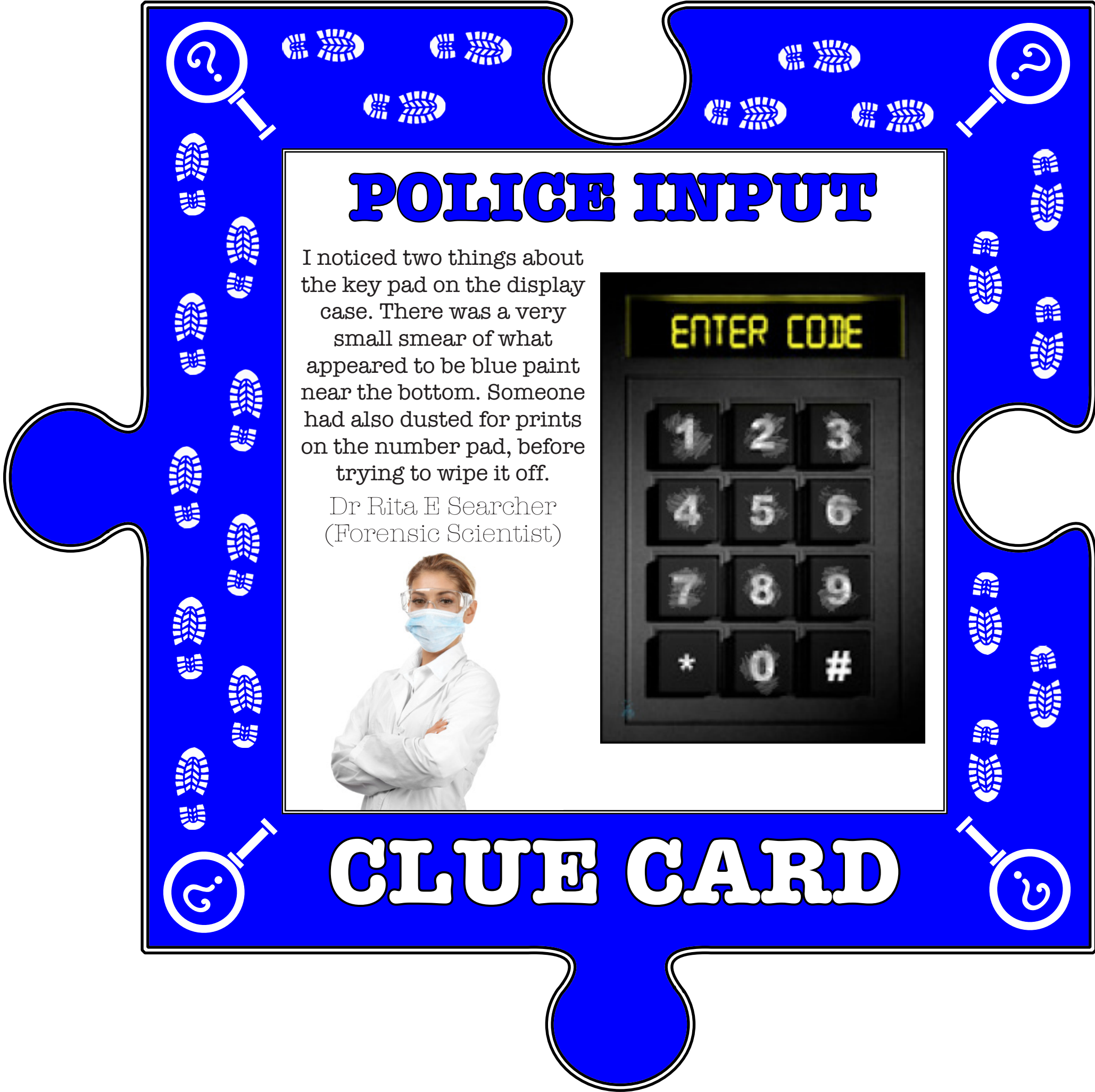
Dr Rita E Searcher  
(Forensic Scientist)

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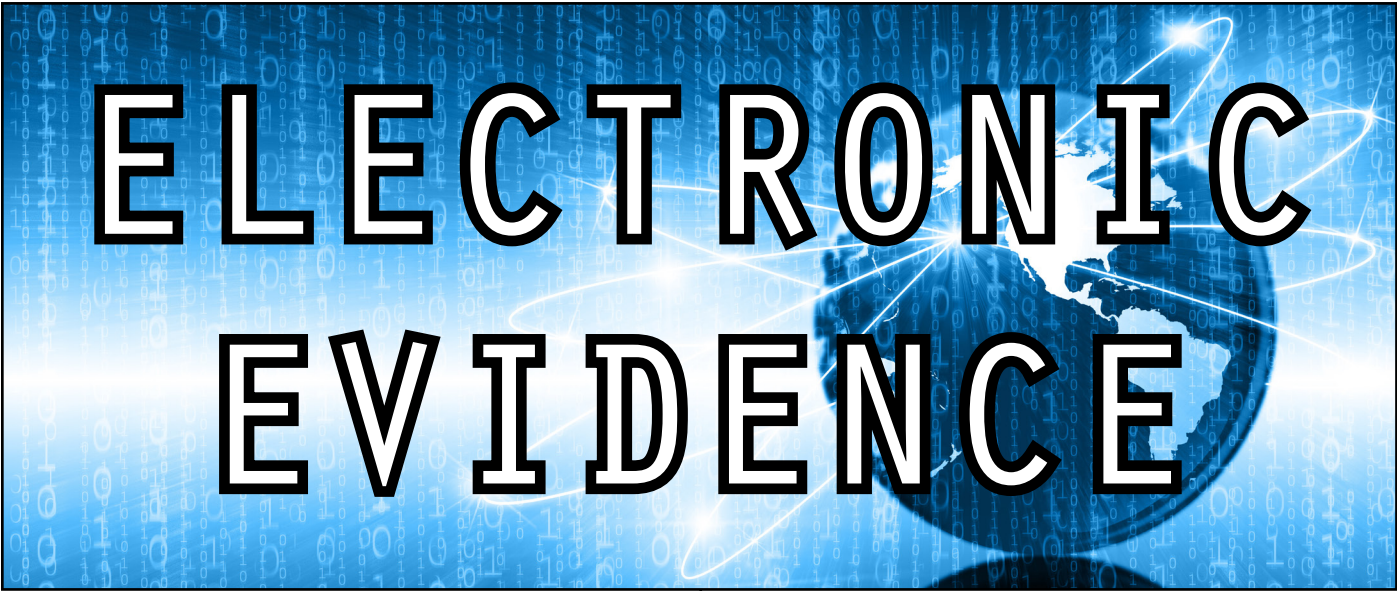












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To: Sue Spishus

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Subject: Salsa?

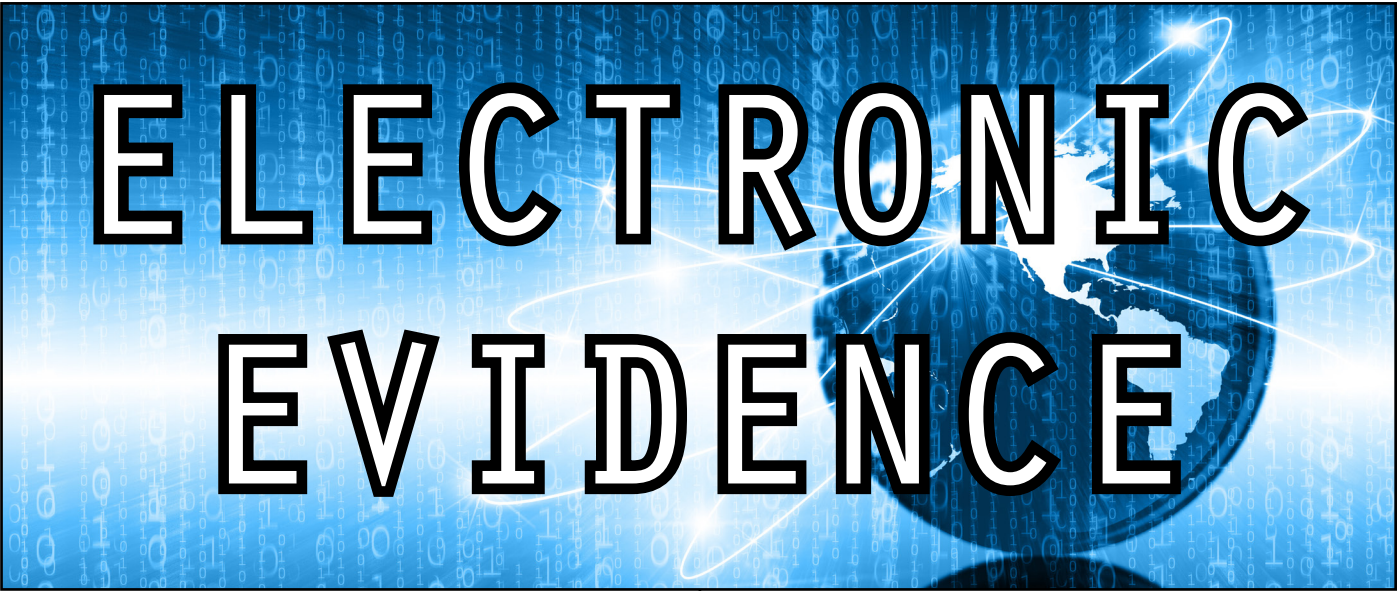
Hi Sue,

I'm sorry that you weren't able to attend the salsa dancing night at the hall yesterday; I must have forgotten to remind you. I wasn't sure if you'd want to come anyway with your bad leg. I did give you a ring at around 8:30 pm, to see if you wanted a lift, but unfortunately you weren't in.

It was a great night overall- the band they had was top quality! I've definitely learnt a few new steps, although my feet are sore today. There were a few school staff there and I'm hoping we can encourage some more along next week. I took a few photos on my phone if you'd like to see them.

Regards,

Rachel



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To: Headteacher

Cc:

Subject: Rat on the loose!

Dear Headteacher,

It looks like that pet rat is still on the loose! I had half-finished painting this bench before I left school at around 8:00 pm last night. After all the kerfuffle over the missing pen this morning, I returned to my painting. It would seem my little friend decided to help me out with it during the night! I can't work out how he got into the room with the door closed though. I've attached a photo of the work he did for me.

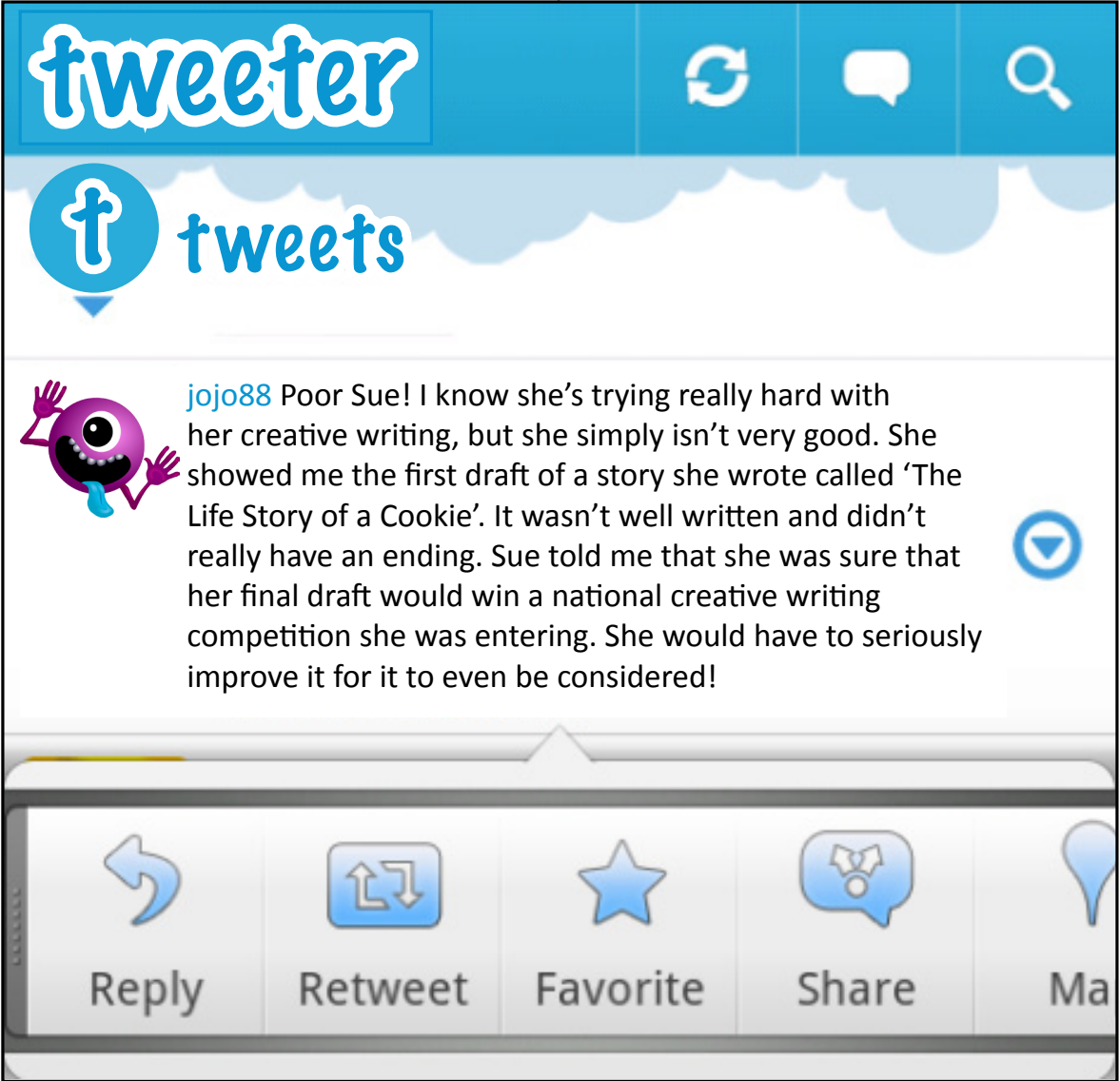
Regards,

Del



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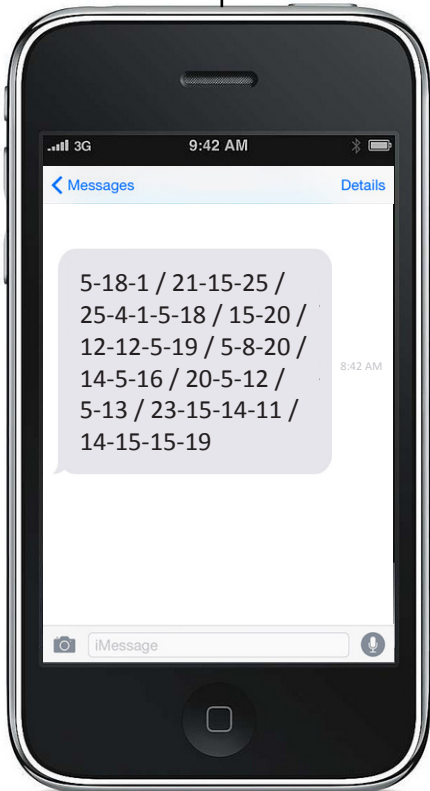
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# ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

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## POLICE INPUT



'I've become a little suspicious of the antique pen expert I spoke to- Andrew Fence. He been acting strangely since the theft- always on the phone asking about the investigation. I asked the IT guys to have a look at his phone and something strange turned up. It is a text message he sent in code to an obscured number. A little later, he received one back in the same code. We've tried and failed to break the code. Good luck with it!

DCI Vivian Gilant





# WITNESS STATEMENT



**The Night Guard**

In the week leading up to the theft, the nights were very quiet. There was only one thing out of the ordinary. At around 10:30 pm, for three nights before the theft, I heard someone blowing a whistle. At first I thought it might have just been someone messing about in the street, but it seemed strange that it happened at the same time every night. I had a look out of the window and couldn't see anyone, so I didn't really think it was anything to worry about.

On the night of the theft, everything seemed normal. At about 9:00 pm, I had a cup of tea and a few cookies that someone had left out (they'd been there a few days and I didn't think anyone wanted them). Del was leaving to go home and waved at me as he went past. I then patrolled the building and made sure all the doors and windows were locked. A few minutes after that, everything seemed to go blurry and I couldn't keep my eyes open. The next thing I remember was Del shaking me awake in the morning.





# WITNESS STATEMENT



**The Dog Walker**

I usually take an evening walk down the road by the school, to give my dog a last leg stretch before bed.


On the night of the theft, I was heading down the road at around 10:45 pm and I noticed someone on the other side walking away from the school gates. I couldn't see what they looked like, as they were wearing a hooded jacket and I was behind them.

I did notice two things though. Firstly, the person was moving quite quickly, which was strange as they were obviously limping. Secondly, they were carrying a large yellow and black box, which had a handle at the top. The person disappeared around the corner and then I heard a car start up and drive away.




## SPARK


CARD THREE



One of the witnesses saw a suspicious person limping away from the school on the night of the theft. Why would they have been limping?




Why didn't the CCTV camera switch on to record the thief when the pen was taken?




What is the connection between the scrap of paper, the notepad and one of the suspect statements?

## SPARK


CARD TWO



Why would someone have bought an identical display case before the theft? What could it have been used for?




How would Sue Spishus have been able to win a national creative writing competition with such a poor story?




What is the destination of the flight the boarding pass was for? Why would someone want to go there?

## SPARK


CARD ONE



How might the empty mint bottle link to the newspaper article?




Which suspect would be most likely to have a car key ring with that logo? Does the car key link to another clue?




Might the chocolate chip cookies have contained an unexpected ingredient?

## SPARK


CARD SIX



According to the receipt, what was purchased from Pete's Pet Shop and what time did the sale take place? Might this link to other clues?




How might the tiny smear of blue paint on the key pad link to other clues?




Who might be interested in buying the stolen pen and why?

## SPARK


CARD FIVE



How might you be able to connect the empty tube of antihistamine cream to a photo of one of the suspects?




Other than refereeing sports matches, what might someone use a whistle for?




The highest number in the text message codes is 25. Why don't the codes contain numbers higher than that?

## SPARK


CARD FOUR



How might someone have been able to work out the code for the display case key pad? Why would it have been easy?



Who might have been interested in the villa featured in the holiday home advert? How can you tell?



Which suspect was lying about their whereabouts on the night of the theft? How can you prove it?