

Disinformation Crime Scene Planning

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Background Info:

- The defendant is on trial for murdering a librarian.
- The defense hired a private investigator (the patrons) to investigate the crime scene and other evidence to determine if the defendant actually committed the crime.
 - This will help determine whether the defense recommends a plea deal or going through with a trial.

Who?

- The Accused that has been arrested
 - Name: Gloria Hammond [*change name to Gloria Thomas if Victim is Roger Hammond*]
 - Background: A female patron who had earlier gotten into an altercation with the librarian on staff. She may or may not have a behavior management disorder.
 - Has an interest in gardening
- The Actual Criminal
 - Name: Kevin Travers
 - Background: The ex-lover of the author/former politician
 - Male landscaper/owns a nursery
- The Victim:
 - Name: Maureen Kirby (if victim is female); Roger Hammond (if victim is male);
 - Background: A librarian at the designated branch that accidentally handled a book that was tainted with some variety of poison powder while working the desk.
- Intended Victim:
 - Name: Dana Tonninger
 - Background: An author who is also either a former or aspiring politician

Where?

- Crime scene setting: an author book signing event

When?

- During an author's book signing event

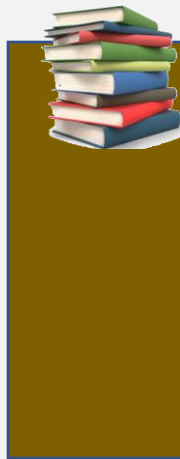
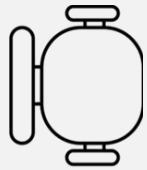
How?

- Poison placed on a book
- Somehow ends up being placed in librarian's hands, rather than the author's
- Book will be a book that is not a library book

What?

- Poison stored in a small coin envelope
 - Easily found in gardening/landscaping

Program Room Layout



Eyewitnesses

- Library Association President who was attending the event?
 - Name: Pam Thompson
 - Background
- Random Library Patron
 - Name: Johnny McPhail
 - Background:
- Librarian/PSS
 - Name: Selena Crosscroft
 - Background

Gloria Hammond

The Accused that has been arrested

- I was here at the library today as soon as they opened. They actually opened 1 minute after 10 so I had to wait in the cold which was quite upsetting, someone in the city should really look into that, waste of taxpayer money to not open when you say you are going to open. After the librarian finally got the doors opened, I went and browsed the shelves and eventually sat down to read. I got a table near the book signing because I wanted to be the first person to get Dana's signature. There was another person lingering around and I wanted to get to Dana before he did. Some people are so gross. Dana is such an amazing person, I just couldn't wait to talk to her. I kept tabs on the room. As I mentioned, they opened the library late, and I didn't want them to start the event late too. Dana's talk was wonderful! So beautiful! I made sure I was first in line and I could tell she was happy to see me. I have seen her many times while she was touring her book so I could tell she recognized me. After the signing, I had to go talk to the librarian about some issues on my account. It says I owe money for a lost book but I turned it in this morning. I don't see why it would charge my account when I turned the book in! Maureen usually can get issues fixed quickly so I went to her to get it sorted out. She seemed out of sorts and wasn't following what I was saying. I was so frustrated the books just flew out of my hand, I was not throwing them at her! Everyone always assumes if you raise your voice that you are throwing things. I did not purposefully throw the books at her. After she started picking them up, she suddenly just fell over. I had no idea what was going on. I was freaking out and called for someone to help. Guess someone called the ambulance cause they arrived and took her away. Said she was dead? Um, who is going to help with my fine if she's gone?

Kevin Travers

The Actual Criminal

- "I arrived just before the event got started, after I'd finished one of the lawns for one of my clients. It was nice to see Dana again, and she's doing really well for herself. She makes a good candidate. I was in the back of the room and had a great view for everything that went down. There was this lady in the front row, and she kept looking over at the librarian on hand, glaring daggers. When Dana was done with her speech, the lady got her book signed, and then walked over to the librarian and started getting into a fight. I did hear her say something to the effect of, "If only we had people like Dana doing your job." The librarian lady took her out into the hallway away from all the other people on hand. Then everything seemed to get quieted down. Then all of a sudden, we saw the library lady fall over. The crazy lady didn't seem concerned until somebody else moved over to check and see what was going on. For what it's worth, I heard somebody else here mention that the crazy lady had books on her person that involve poisoning. I think you've got an open and shut case. I didn't see anybody else alone with the library lady."

Dana Tonninger

Intended Victim

- I arrived about 15 minutes before the book signing was supposed to start. I walked around for a bit because it's supposed to help calm you before a speech if you get your circulatory system moving. Then I went in and gave my speech. That was for about 30 minutes. Afterward, I started signing books. That librarian was really sweet because she had all the books already opened to the right page to sign before I even sat down. As soon as I started signing, this one lady pushed herself to the front to get the first book. I noticed her because right after she got the book signed, she went straight to the back to start arguing with the librarian. What is there to fight about in a library? I thought libraries were quiet spaces. Luckily, they went away so as not to disturb the book signing. But it was ruined anyway because suddenly people were screaming. I didn't see what happened exactly, but everyone was saying that that pushy lady attacked the librarian who died. Had to stop the signing after that which honestly, I was ok with cause my ex was there. Don't want any more drama than necessary with the elections coming up.

Johnny McPhail

Eyewitness: Random Library Patron

- I had my headphones on while I was sitting in a chair so didn't hear anything till the screaming. This lady was screaming for help and when I looked up another lady was on the ground in front of her not moving. I got up to get a better look, and I think it was one of the librarians that was on the ground? Eventually, the ambulance arrived, and they took her away. I tried asking one of the librarians what was going on, but he wouldn't tell me anything. But I did hear the medics talking about it being an aneurysm, so I guess that's what it was. Those are freaky!

Pam Thompson

Eyewitness: Library Association President who was attending the event

As the Library Association President I arrived before the library opened to oversee the setting up of the event, as having such a prominent figure in our library was a huge honor and I wanted to make sure everything was perfect. I was there to greet Ms. Tonninger when she arrived, about fifteen minutes before the book signing was to begin. I offered her water or coffee and she accepted the water, saying she prefers not to drink coffee before a speech. She apparently has an excess of energy prior to any public speaking event, and she said as much before she started walking around the room in an agitated manner. I brought her a bottle of water and she set it on the table, saying she would have some right before speaking. I was at the entrance, greeting attendants as they came in. When the book signing was to start, I provided an introductory speech for Ms. Tonninger, and then sat down in one of the reserved VIP seats. Ms. Tonninger took a long drink of the water before she started talking. I could hear a commotion outside the room in the middle of the book signing and called our front desk to see what the fuss was. There was a confusing story about a disagreement or altercation between a librarian and a patron. After the interruption, Ms. Tonninger stated she wanted to cancel the book signing. I offered an alternate date for her to return and resume the book signing, however she refused. I was extremely disappointed, but thanked her for her time and wished her the best of luck in the upcoming election. I then went back out to find out what happened on the floor and there was one of our librarians on the ground, surrounded by EMTs. I am absolutely horrified and shocked that something like this could happen in *our* library! There were so many different stories about what happened, but I have no idea which one is true.

Selena Crosscroft

Eyewitness: Librarian/PSS

I arrived at the library at 9:00 am to start my workday. I was particularly excited because of the book signing event taking place and getting to meet Ms. Dana Tonninger. I signed up to help with the event months in advance when I found out she would be here. I entered the conference room at 12:00 pm and Pam Thompson, the Library Association President, was already in the room with Maureen and they were having a conversation about how well they expected the event to go. Maureen had begun stacking books on a table that she gotten off a book cart, and I began setting up chairs for the event. I noticed Gloria buzzing around as she usually does probably causing some sort of chaos. Maureen did ask her to leave the room before the event began. I also noticed a guy lingering outside the room in some sort of uniform I couldn't make out the name or logo. The event started promptly at 1:00 p.m. It was excellent she gave a great speech. She is so inspirational and a pillar in our community and I would gladly show my support for her in the upcoming election. The book signing event started after Dana gave her speech and who had to be first in line causing a ruckus? Gloria Hammond. Sheesh. Maureen had mentioned a headache so I asked if she wanted me to deal with the situation. Maureen declined and escorted Gloria out and they began a rather loud conversation in the hallway. Next thing you know Maureen was down and the EMTs were being called by staff. I don't know what could have happened I hope she is alright.

Jonah Dale

eyewitness

- I came to see Dana Tonninger's talk. She gave a speech, and then she started signing books. I was in line, when one lady started a fuss with the librarian. They walked away to resolve matters away from the rest of us, and then we heard a scream when the librarian fell over seizing. Somebody called emergency services but the time they arrived it was too late. Seems to me she'd been poisoned. I know cause I saw this documentary about poisonings plus I texted my nurse daughter. She'd backed me up. When the police arrived, I noticed something important. The lady who'd been speaking to the librarian had a book bag of her own. Inside were two things you should know about. One was a book on gardening (which per the documentary is a poison ridden hobby), and the other was a copy of The Name of the Rose. I read that book in college. Part of that book's plot revolves around poisoning people through a book. I think you've got your killer right there.

Janet Hipps

Eyewitness; Dana's current significant other

I arrived at the book signing with Dana, planning on providing emotional support. I know how nervous she gets before speeches. I always tease her about it, saying what kind of politician gets nervous before all of their speeches? We were greeted by Pam who offered us coffee or water, and Dana took water, since coffee would amp her up even more than normal. I said coffee is fine and Pam got us both what we requested. I settled into a seat to watch Dana start pacing, trying not to laugh at her. She didn't need more teasing since she was already under so much pressure. Pam had disappeared for a while, leaving just me and Dana in the room. When it got closer to the book signing time to start, what I assume was a librarian came into the room and spoke with Dana about how she was going to help with the signing. Then people began coming into the room, taking what seats they could find. After Pam gave her introduction, I smiled supportively at Dana, giving her a little wink, which made her blush. Dana gave a fantastic speech and then sat down, and started signing books. I watched as a lady rudely pushed her way to the front of the line. Dana being the sweetheart she is didn't say anything, just signed the book with a smile for the woman. The woman then left in as much of a hurry out of the room. Shortly after that there was a commotion out in the library. Pam was on the phone talking with someone, before she approached Dana and said there was a disturbance between a patron and a librarian. She suggested we reschedule the book signing to a later date. Dana graciously agreed and began packing up to leave, asking what happened. Pam was vague on the details, saying there had been an incident and left it at that. We saw the first responders rushing onto the floor and stayed out of their way. I can only hope that whoever was involved is okay.