

Read the mystery below to find evidence to identify the innocent and guilty suspects. Remember, the story and suspects' statements are true.

The Bath Robe Thief

¹Today, police in the City of Bandon arrested one of the four men shown below for stealing a bath robe from a clothing store. ²The theft took place on Saturday, June 15, between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. ³All four suspects visited the store during that time. ⁴The owner said he waited on and sold items to Baker and Giss. ⁵Giss said he didn't see any socks in the store with a good price. ⁶O'Bryan said he was not the last suspect to leave the store. ⁷One witness saw the thief stuff the robe under his clothing. ⁸The witness also told police that he didn't see the thief's face, but he was short. ⁹Another witness to the theft said the thief wore glasses. ¹⁰The arrest of the suspect, and his later confession, happened in the early evening the day of the theft. ¹¹The all blue and white robe was found in his apartment and returned to the store.



Michael Baker

¹²I bought a robe and some pants at the store. ¹³I left with those items in a bag they gave me.



Darin O'Bryan

¹⁴The owner of the store and I are friends, and the stolen robe was never in my apartment.



John Nicolaus

¹⁵I left the store with only two items. ¹⁶Both items were partly green.



Steve Giss

¹⁷I stopped at the store to buy some socks on the way to my house.

The Innocent

Use complete sentences and sentence numbers to describe the best evidence for your conclusions.

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Answers

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Darin O'Bryan: Sentence 11 states that stolen robe was found in the thief's apartment. In sentence 14, O'Bryan says that the stolen robe was never in his apartment. This eliminates Darin O'Bryan.

John Nicolaus: Sentence 11 states that the stolen robe was blue and white, and in sentences 15 and 16, Nicolaus says he left the store with items that were partly green. An object that is all blue and white cannot also be partly green. This eliminates John Nicolaus.

Steve Giss: Sentence 11 states that stolen robe was found in the thief's apartment. In sentence 17, Giss says he was on the way to his house. This eliminates Steve Giss.

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Michael Baker: Baker is the bath robe thief because the other three suspects can be proven innocent, and sentence 10 states that one of the four suspects was arrested and confessed. In sentence 8, the witness states that the suspect was short, and Michael Baker is shorter than two of the other suspects, but we cannot tell from the picture the height of any of the suspects. For example, it could be that all of the suspects are short.