






The Suspects

Detective Basse asked the nurse and Rufus Beam if any of the beneficiaries knew about the new will. He also asked if either of them had detected any hostility between Miss Moneybags and the beneficiaries. Detective Basse recorded their statements.

Detective Basse's Notes

- Nurse** The housekeeper was in the library when I put the will in the desk drawer. I told her Miss Moneybags had just written it. That housekeeper is such a gossip, I'm sure she told everyone about it. Actually, Miss Moneybags was always fussing at her about gossiping.
- I overheard an argument several days ago between Miss Moneybags and her nephew. She told him that he was spending money recklessly. "It doesn't grow on trees," she said.
- I never heard the chauffeur quarrel with anyone. He's very kind. In fact, even though Miss Moneybags hasn't needed him since she became ill three months ago, he has come here every day to check on her.
- Mr. Beam** I informed everyone who was at the house that sadly Miss Moneybags had passed on. Everyone seemed to already know that there was a new will.
- Yesterday when I came to the mansion, I found the secretary crying her eyes out in the parlor. When I asked what was wrong, she said that she could never please anyone, especially Miss Moneybags.
- The butler told me he was worried Miss Moneybags wasn't happy with him because he had recently taken a long vacation.
- The cook and Miss Moneybags have always been at odds.
- The director and Miss Moneybags had a disagreement about an issue at the Foundation. Just last week Miss Moneybags said she was not happy at all with a decision he had made.

-  Why is it important to know if any of the beneficiaries knew about the will? _____
-  Why did Detective Basse want to know if any of the beneficiaries had a conflict with Miss Moneybags? _____
-  Who does not seem to have a motive to steal the will? _____