



## **The Case of the Hacked High-Tech Lab**

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The NSA agents have been identifying and investigating possible suspects in the unauthorized downloading of restricted high-security computer files. Your preliminary results of physical evidence from the scene have been very helpful. As a result of your report, the agents have narrowed the suspect list to three people. They are:

Ms. Dziga Smirgov

Ms. Smirgov is the receptionist for the floor on which Ms. Chen's office is located. She is a naturalized citizen of the United States, but the agents think she still might have relatives and friends in the former Soviet republics, who might be interested in accessing the secret information about the spy satellite. She was at her desk late the previous evening. All of the employees on this floor said either that she was still at her desk when they left the building or that they don't remember whether she had left or not.

Dr. Anna Schneider

Dr. Schneider is a research scientist who works on a different project at the facility – non-lethal weapons development. She was seen by other employees on the floor where Ms. Chen's office is located late in the afternoon. She claims that she dropped by to say hello to her friend Dr. Puri. Dr. Puri confirms that she did indeed drop by his office late that afternoon just before he left for home.

Ms. Belinda Jones

Ms. Jones is the facilities maintenance staff member who cleans the offices on Ms. Chen's floor every evening after the rest of the employees go home. She claims that she did not clean the offices on Ms. Chen's half of the floor yesterday. She rotates which offices she cleans, so that she only does half each evening. Hence, she did not notice anything suspicious. Other employees told the agents that Ms. Jones has been struggling financially.

The police have gathered the following from each suspect:

- 1.) Samples of their hair and the hair of their pets, if applicable.

- 2.) Samples of their lipstick and lip prints.
- 3.) Blood.

You will be asked to analyze these samples and compare them to the evidence collected from the scene. The samples from the three suspects and the evidence sample have been labeled A-D. You will not be allowed to know which suspects the letters correspond to until after you have made your conclusions.