

The Bank Robbery: Who Done It?

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Challenge The First National Bank of Minnetonka, Minnesota, was robbed of \$1,000,000. **It is your job to discover what person(s) committed the crime.** Each of you will receive one or more clues discovered by authorities during the investigation. If you put all the facts (found in the clues) together, you will be able to solve the mystery. There is only ONE rule included in this challenge:

You may ONLY share information with each other verbally.

Additional Challenge Option Figure out the alibis of the other people being investigated (e.g., where they actually were at the time the bank was robbed).

Any time you think you know the who committed the crime, and the group agrees to guess, you may tell me. If you choose to take on the Additional Challenge I will only tell you whether all your answers are correct. If parts of your answer are incorrect, I will simply say, "Some parts of your answer are incorrect."

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CLUES

- The robbery was reported at 7:30 a.m. on Friday November 12th. The bank had closed at 5:00 p.m. the previous day.
- Miss Margaret Ellington, a teller at the bank, discovered the robbery.

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CLUES

- There was no forced entry. It was determined the front door of the bank had been opened with a key.
- The vault of the bank had been blasted open by dynamite.

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- The bank President, Mr. Albert Greenbags, left town before the robbery was discovered. He was arrested by authorities at the Mexico City airport at noon on Friday November 12th.
- Mr. Greenbags was the only person who had a key to the vault.

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CLUES

- Mr. Greenbags had been having some troubles with his wife, who spent all of the money they had saved. He had frequently talked about leaving her.
- The only keys to the bank were held by Mr. Greenbags and the janitor.

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CLUES

- A strange person, described to police as a 'hippie-type,' was reported to be hanging around the bank Thursday, November 11th, watching employees and customers.
- A substantial amount of dynamite had been stolen from the Acme Construction Company on Wednesday night November 10th.

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CLUES

- Miss Ellington often borrowed Mr. Greenbags key to open the bank early when she had extra work to catch up with.
- Miss Ellington said that Mr. Smith had often flirted with her.

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CLUES

- The Acme Construction Company's assistant manager, Howard Ellington, told police a hippy-type man was hanging around their grounds on Wednesday afternoon, November 10th.
- Mr. Ellington was in charge of payroll records and all the inventory for the Acme Construction Company. He reported the stolen dynamite on Thursday morning November 11th.

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CLUES

- The hippy-type character, whose name was Dirsey Flowers, discovered to be a recent drop-out of Southwest Arkansas State Teacher's College, was found by police in East Birdwatch about 10 miles from Minnetonka.
- Dirsey Flowers was carrying \$500 when police found him. As they approached, police saw Flowers throwing a package into a nearby river.

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CLUE

- Anastasia Wallflower, of East Birdwatch Wisconsin, said that she recently bought \$500 worth of genuine Indian love beads from Dirsey Flowers for resale at her boutique in downtown East Birdwatch.

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CLUES

- Anastasia said that Flowers had spent the night of November 11th at the home of her parents and left after a pleasant breakfast on the morning of November 12th.
- Mr. Greenbags waited in the terminal at the O'Hare Airport in Chicago for 12 hours because of engine trouble on the plane he was taking to Mexico City.

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CLUES

- When police tried to locate the janitor of the bank, Elwood Smith, he was nowhere to be found.
- Miss Ellington stated that her brother Howard, when strolling to Taylor's Diner for his evening pie, about 11:00 p.m. on Thursday November 11th, had seen Smith running from the bank.
- Mr. Smith's father, a gold prospector in Alaska, had died in September.

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CLUES

- Mr. Smith was found by the F.B.I. in Dogwalk Georgia, on November 12th. He had arrived there via Southern Airlines Flight 414 at 5:00 p.m. on November 11th.
- The airline clerk confirmed the time of Smith's arrival.
- Planes do not fly out of Dogwalk between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

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CLUES

- Mr. Greenbag's half-brother, Arthur Nodough, had always been jealous of his brother.
- Nodough always had a little bit too much to drink on Friday nights. Arthur Nodough appeared in Chicago on Monday, November 8th, waving around a lot of money.

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Answer

The Ellington's, Margaret and Howard, collaborated to rob the bank.

Margaret supplying the front door key (borrowed from Mr. Greenbags because she planned to go to the bank early to get some 'extra work' done - so she told authorities) and Howard supplying the dynamite (since he had access to all the materials of the Acme Construction Company).

Alabis: Greenbags had already left for Brazil to attend an international banking conference when the robbery took place. Elwood Smith was in Dogwalk on the night of the robbery. (The Ellington's were lying when they tried to implicate Smith.) Dirsey Flowers was at the home of Anastasia's parents. Arthur Nodough was not seen anywhere near Minnetonka during the time of the robbery - we can presume he was still in Chicago.