

Dear Detective in Training,

Thank you for accepting this training mission. I need to have you solve this case to demonstrate your ability to sift through evidence, make reasoned claims, and cooperate with your team. A description of the case, as we know it, and photographs of the scene, documenting the indoor and outdoor setting of the crime, are included with this letter.

Your assignment is simple, determine the following:

- Who should you be looking for in the woods?
- Who is still at the cabin and where should you look for them?
- What happened at this cabin?

List the evidence and provide a reason why each piece of evidence supports your claim of what happened. We hope that you are able to solve this case as we have a number of challenging mysteries in the Arctic. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Alice, Beatrice, and Claire arranged to meet at a cabin in the Brooks Range of Alaska that Beatrice owned. Wildlife was plentiful and a nearby stream had excellent fishing. The cabin was remote, and well outside of cellular phone service, but a radio powered by a generator allowed them to get news and weather reports when they wanted and send messages if they desired.

This group of friends had a long history. Claire was the barista at the local coffee shop. She saw both Alice and Beatrice daily and was the only one in the group known to cross country ski. Alice and Beatrice originally met when learning to drive snow machines, striking up a conversation about their shared love for waffles and both being left-handed.

Following a long exchange of texts, the group of friends settled on a weekend in early spring. A snowstorm hit, delaying some of the group from arriving.

A radio message was received by our office stating that a person or persons is missing in the woods near the cabin, and you have been called to investigate. You inspect the scene outside the cabin as you approach and open the door to cabin to examine the inside.



