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Reporting Officer: Inspector H. R. Bigglesworth

Person of Interest: Francoise Lambert

1 2	H.R.B:	Ms. Lambert, thank you for speaking with us today. I'd like to understand how and when you learned of Mr. Lyttlewhakker's death.
3 4 5	F.L.:	Yes, it is very tragic. I was in the gallery, dusting, when I heard some talking in the living room. I looked in to see who was talking, and Geraldine was on the telephone, and talking to Roy at the same time.
6	H.R.B:	And what were they saying?
7	F.L.:	Geraldine was talking to 9-1-1, and she said that Mr. Lyttlewhakker was dead.
8	H.R.B:	Right. So you heard nothing prior to the 9-1-1 call?
9	F.L.:	No. I think Roy just discovered him before calling 9-1-1.
10 11 12	H.R.B:	Now, we reviewed a video recording that Mr. Lyttlewhakker was making just before he passed away. In the recording, he seemed very agitated about some missing artifacts from his collection.
13 14 15 16 17 18	F.L.:	Yes, yes. He was very upset. Yesterday he was re-arranging the items in the case - he very often takes some items out and puts new ones in. I think he has too many items to display all of them at one time. He then yelled for me to come, and he asked me if anything was missing when I last dusted in the living room. I had dusted the items the night before, but I don't really pay attention to them. They're just old things that gather dust.
19	H.R.B:	So you have no idea if anything was taken?
20 21	F.L.:	No, but I did hear a noise the other night that woke me up. It sounded like someone tripped. I looked at the clock, and it was 1:00 am! Who is up at that hour?
22 23	H.R.B:	That's helpful, and curious that it happened the day before Mr. Lyttlewhakker's death. Do you know of anyone who might want him dead?
24	F.L.:	No. He was a good man. We were all happy to take care of him and his house.

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Reporting Officer: Inspector H. R. Bigglesworth

Person of Interest: Millie Feldswamp

1 2	H.R.B:	Ms. Feldswamp, thank you for speaking with us today. I'd like to understand how and when you learned of Mr. Lyttlewhakker's death.
3 4 5	M.F.:	I head a big commotion in the living room around 3:00. I'm usually making quite a racket myself in the kitchen, so usually don't hear much that goes on in the house, but I heard Geraldine yell for Roy.
6	H.R.B:	She yelled for him from the living room?
7 8 9 10 11 12 13	M.F.:	I don't really know where she was. I thought Roy was still out in the garden. He went out to collect herbs for his potions right after dropping off Mr. Lyttlewhakker's dishes after lunch. But I guess he was already back by then. There was a huge commotion. Francoise screamed - she can be a bit dramatic. I rushed into the living room to see what was going on. Geraldine was on the phone, and Roy was hugging Francoise. Roy said that Mr. Lyttlewhakker was dead. I was sad, of course, but not shocked. He had been ill for some time now. It was only a matter of time.
14	H.R.B:	So you don't suspect foul play?
15 16	M.F.:	Well, I'm no inspector, but he was very frail. I did my best to feed him well, but you can do only so much. You really think he was murdered?
17 18	H.R.B:	We are making no conclusions yet, but do need to investigate all the angles. How did you like working for Mr. Lyttlewhakker? I heard he was sometimes difficult.
19 20 21 22	M.F.:	That's putting it mildly! He could be complete grouch at times. He was very cruel to his son. Blamed him for the loss of granddaughter. Wouldn't even talk to him. We here on the staff were the only family the man really had anymore. I hope he remembered that in his will [laughs].
23 24	H.R.B:	Hilarious. Another question - it seems he thought someone was stealing from him. What do you think about that?
25	M.F.:	Well Geraldine would know. She keeps all the books. I mean "kept"! [laughs]
26	H.R.B:	What a sense of humor you have.

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Reporting Officer: Inspector H. R. Bigglesworth

Person of Interest: Geraldine Cash

1 2	H.R.B:	Ms. Cash, thank you for speaking with us today. I'd like to understand how and when you learned of Mr. Lyttlewhakker's death.
4 5 6 7	G.C.:	I was the one that found him. I went into his room to get his signature on some documents, and at first he looked asleep. Normally I would let him sleep, but these documents were important, so I tried to wake him up. When he didn't respond, I yelled for Roy to come check on him.
8	H.R.B:	Roy wasn't with Mr. Lyttlewhakker at the time?
9 10 11	G.C.:	No. He was coming back from the garden. He uses herbs from the garden for his treatments. He's very talented that way. Anyway, he must have been just down the hall, because he showed up immediately after I yelled for him.
12	H.R.B:	And where we you before entering Mr. Lyttlewhakker's room?
13 14	G.C.:	I was in the study. It was Mr. Lyttlewhakker's office before he took ill. I've been managing all his finances, so I spend most my time in the study.
16 17	H.R.B:	We have reason to believe that Mr. Lyttlewhakker was very agitated about some missing artifacts from his collection. Is it possible someone was stealing from him?
19 20 21 22 23	G.C.:	He's been agitated in general for awhile now. And he was fixated on the idea that someone was stealing his artifacts. But I saw no evidence of that. He has a large collection, and had stashed things all over the house, and then wouldn't remember where he had put them. Even I don't know where he hid some of the items. It's like he has a secret room or something!
24	H.R.B:	So you don't think anyone has been stealing from him?
25	G.C.:	No sir, I don't.
26	H.R.B:	Do you know of anyone who might want him dead?
27 28	G.C.:	Not really. I mean, he wasn't a very pleasant man. He would berate Millie mercilessly if she served him something he didn't like. Kept threatening to fire her.
29	H.R.B:	Well, Ms.Cash, I appreciate your help. We'll be in touch.

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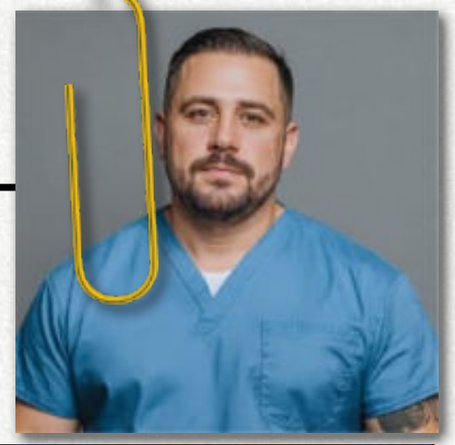
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Person of Interest: Botan Aoki

1 2	H.R.B:	Mr. Aoki, thank you for speaking with us today. I'd like to understand how and when you learned of Mr. Lyttlewhakker's death.
3 4 5	B.A.:	I was out trimming the hedges when it happened. I came in when I heard the police sirens. So I am sorry. I don't have much information for you. He was very ill. Are you sure he didn't die from his illness?
6 7	H.R.B:	That's a possibility, but he was reportedly quite spry earlier in the day, so the suddenness suggests there may be a different cause.
8 9	B.A.:	Well, the obvious suspect is Roy. He's a big guy, so could easily have killed Mr. Lyttlewhakker without much fuss.
10 11	H.R.B:	Can you think of any reason Roy or anyone else might have wanted to hurt Mr. Lyttlewhakker?
12 13	B.A.:	He wasn't a very nice man. I didn't interact with him much, but he would yell at the other staff. Maybe he was mean to Roy.
14	H.R.B:	So your money is on Roy.
15 16 17	B.A.:	Or Mr. Lyttlewhakker's son. He and the old man weren't on speaking terms after the granddaughter disappeared. But he was his only family, so will inherit a lot of money. Maybe he paid Roy to kill him.
18 19	H.R.B:	You've got lots of theories, Mr. Aoki. Another thing - Mr. Lyttlewhakker thought someone was stealing his artifacts from him. Do you know anything about that?
20 21 22	B.A.:	No I don't. I don't go in the house much. Just to the kitchen to give vegetables and herbs to Millie for cooking. You should talk to Francoise about that. She was always dusting around the house. She would know if anything was missing.
23	H.R.B:	We'll do that. Thank you sir. We may have more questions for you later.
24	B.A.:	Happy to help.

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Reporting Officer: Inspector H. R. Bigglesworth

Person of Interest: Roy Hickey

1 2	H.R.B:	Mr. Hickey, thank you for speaking with us today. I'd like to understand how and when you learned of Mr. Lyttlewhakker's death.
3 4	R.H.:	Sure. I went out to the garden to collect some elderberries for one of his treatments, and on my way back, I heard Geraldine calling out for me.
5	H.R.B:	So she was the one who found him?
6	R.H.:	I believe so. Anyway, I rushed in a checked for a pulse, but he was gone.
7	H.R.B:	Did you try to resuscitate him?
8	R.H.:	No sir. He had an advanced directive expressly prohibiting CPR.
9	H.R.B:	When did you last see Mr. Lyttlewhakker alive?
10 11	R.H.:	I helped him with his lunch, then he told me he wanted to be alone until his next treatment, at 5:00.
12	H.R.B:	And you left him at what time?
13	R.H.:	Around 12:15. He had a bowl of soup, and downed the whole thing pretty quickly.
14 15	H.R.B:	We are investigating the possibility that his death was due to foul play. Do you know of anyone who might have wanted Mr. Lyttlewhakker dead?
16 17 18	R.H.:	Absolutely not! He was a great man. I don't know who he named in his will, but his son hasn't been by in years. He probably left it to a charity. None of us would hurt him. Not to be crass, but he was our employer - we're all out of jobs now.
19 20	H.R.B:	We also have reason to believe that someone had stolen some items from his collection. Do you know anything about that?
21 22 23 24	R.H.:	Yes. He thought someone was stealing his artifacts. But I saw no evidence of that. He has a large collection, and had stashed things all over the house, and then wouldn't remember where he had put them. He was starting to get senile recently, so I wouldn't put much stock in that.
25	H.R.B:	Thank you for your time, Mr. Hickey. We'll be in touch if we need anything else.