

Idea 1: Murder Plan

- **Suspect 1 (Murderer):** Nika
- **Suspect 2 (Victim):** Sophie
- **Suspect 3 (Sophie's Friend):** Cameron
- **Murder Weapon:** Knife
- **Where:** At a house (entrance)

Background: Nika is a drug dealer. Sophie is a client she has who she is dealing drugs to. At 8:00pm at night, Nika arrives to Sophie's house to sell her drugs (cocaine). Sophie's friend is in the kitchen cooking something while Sophie is having this encounter, however he is not aware of this exchange between the two. Nika exchanges the drug (bag of cocaine) to Sophie and whispers for the money. However, Sophie does not have any money on her so Nika gets mad and pulls out a knife. She stabs Sophie near the chest area and kills her. She then reaches her hand in Sophie's pocket and pulls out money and runs. During Nika's exit, she drops the knife on the ground and some money as well. Sophie's friend runs to the scene after hearing the commotion and finds Sophie dead on the ground. Sophie's friend then calls the police to report of the murder.

What Police See: Commotion reported at 9pm. Police are investigating. What they see is a dead body on the ground with multiple knife wounds. Money on ground. Unidentified white substance on the ground.

Extra info: Nika and Sophie have been trading letters at one another doorsteps about the drug exchange. They do this because Nika does not want her transactions and conversations regarding drugs to be tracked online in case she were to get caught. After they read one another's letters they shred them to dismantle evidence. However, an opened letter next to Sophie's door (recent letter) is found that has Nika's handwriting. It says

"I will come over tomorrow at 8:00. Make sure to have the money."

Evidence:

Fingerprint analysis

- Nika and Sophie fingerprint on money
- Nika fingerprint on Knife

Blood splatter

- Blood on knife blade
- Blood splatter on ground where knife dripped and slashed (check for motion and direction of slash blood)

Hair strands

- Nika hair strand found in seal of cocaine bag

Fibers

- Nika's sweater fiber was found on Sophie's jacket cuff

Toxicology testing

- Test the "cocaine"

Linguistics

- Nika's handwriting on letter to Sophie

<https://www.casdschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=7201&dataid=6178&FileName=03-CrimeScene.pdf>

<https://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/divisions/forensic-services/mock-crime-scene/conclusion>

Idea 2: Murder Plan

- **Suspect 1 (Murderer, Sophie's boyfriend):** X
- **Suspect 2 (Victim):** Cameron
- **Suspect 3 (Cameron's Friend):** Sophie
- **Suspect 4 (Cameron's girlfriend):** Nika
- **Murder Weapon:** Knife
- **Where:** At a house (entrance)

Background:

Cameron and Nika have been dating for 2 years. They do not socialize much with other people as they feel their relationship is enough to keep each other's company. Therefore, they spend all of their time with each other. Recently, Cameron has made a new friend named Sophie while he was at the supermarket while shopping for baking goods. Sophie noticed Cameron was trying to find a good flour to buy, so she recommended a couple different brands to him. The two began talking and realized they both loved baking. They kept in touch for a couple of weeks and Cameron grew a friendship with Sophie. Cameron decided to introduce Nika to Sophie but Nika was incredibly suspicious about her and a little jealous too.

It was a week before Nika's birthday and Cameron decided he wanted to bake a cake for her. So, he sent a letter to Sophie asking if she could give him her "special cake mix." Sophie responded to the letter and at 8:00pm, pulled up to Cameron and Nika's house with the flour. Nika was in the kitchen and heard a knock on the door, but let Cameron get it. Sophie entered, saying hello to Cameron. Sophie asked Cameron for the money in exchange for the bag of flour. Cameron walked to his wallet on the couch, took the money out and walked back to Sophie. Nika noticed Cameron acting suspicious and whispering so she peeked her head out of the kitchen. She saw Sophie's face and instantly became furious. What could Cameron be doing with her? She thought. He cheating on me! She thought. However, she said "Hi Sophie" in a sarcastic tone and went back into the kitchen and grabbed a knife. Meanwhile, Sophie handed Cameron the bag of flour and Cameron handed Sophie the money. The two whispered about the cake when suddenly, Nika came running out with the knife and stabbed Cameron in the chest. "How could you do this?" She said. Sophie ran out the door, dropped the money on the floor and drove home frantically.

Motive=Crime of passion: Sophie's boyfriend was jealous of Sophie (thought that she was seeing another man *Cameron* and stabbed Cameron with knife on counter out of anger)

Evidence:

Fingerprint analysis

Knife: Nika, Cameron, Unknown

Flour bag: Sophie fingerprint

Money: Cameron and Sophie fingerprint on money

Footprints:

Sophie partial flour print

Bf bigger print

Nika footprint

Blood splatter

-Blood on knife blade

-Blood splatter on ground where knife dripped and slashed (check for motion and direction of slash blood)

Hair strands

-Sophie hair strand found in seal of flour bag

Fibers

-Clothing fibers

Toxicology

-“flour” substance

Linguistics

-Sophie’s handwriting on letter to Cameron

Give away Evidence: Trader Joe's bag found

-Trader Joes has video of Sophie walking in

-They found out that somebody from Trader Joes knew her

-Tracks credit card address from system

-They go to house to question Sophie, see boyfriend

-Search apt surveillance again and realize that BF enters building

-Fingerprint, DNA/ shoe print link him to being murderer

How to Identify Suspects:

Video surveillance

Change Idea to: Analysing Forensic Evidence/ Interactive Crime Scene Video