

The Solution

From the witness statements you could make a series of deductions, represented by the matching colour entries in the grid. Further deductions by process of elimination are shown in black.

Witness A: "I saw someone in an HH top carrying a shopping bag near the MUGA."

Witness B: "There was a man with grey hair walking around the maze."

Witness C: "I saw a lady wearing yellow running away. I'm sure she had a knife."

Witness D: "I saw a lady leave a spade at the allotment."

Witness E: "I saw a suspicious person wearing a coat and glasses and carrying a crowbar."

Witness F: "While I was practising archery I noticed a lady wearing something on her head."

Witness G: "I passed someone in a black top in the Mediterranean Garden."

Witness H: "Someone in a coat was loitering at the allotment."

Witness I: "No, there wasn't anyone who looked like Mark at the MUGA."

| | Eliza | Sian | Viv | Laura | Mark | Hedley | David | Ian | Knife | Shopping bag | Sandwich | Spade | Crowbar |
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| Maze | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| Allotment | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| Garden | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No |
| Archery | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| MUGA | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No |
| Knife | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | | | | | |
| Shopping bag | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Sandwich | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | | | | | |
| Spade | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | | | | | |
| Crowbar | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | | | | | |

Matching the suspects' fingerprints to the evidence tells us: Eliza had the knife, Viv had the sandwich, Laura had the spade, David had the crowbar and Ian had the shopping bag. With just some of that evidence you can work out who was where, but you still don't know where the murder took place or which weapon was used.

The autopsy report mentions poisonous tetrodotoxin and that the victim's stomach contents match the ingredients on the sandwich wrapper. If you visited the possible crime scenes you will have found the following: a space marker at the MUGA, a plant pot at the allotment, a ball of string at the maze, a fletch at the archery field and a bread crust at the Mediterranean Garden. Everything but the bread crust is a red herring.