

CRIME RIDDLES



A detective working on a crime disappeared.

He had been trying to **solve a case** involving oil smuggling.

His case notes list three **suspects**; Bill, John and Paul and a strange **numerical** code that reads.

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Which one of the men should they place **under arrest** and why?

Vocabulary:

Solve a case – *expression* to discover the answer to a mystery. To find enough evidence to convict a person of a crime.

Suspect – *noun* somebody who seems like they may have committed the crime.

Numerical – *adjective* made up of, or relating to, numbers.



Nicole went to the police to **report** that someone had stolen her **vintage** ring. When the police got to her house they noticed that the window was broken, there was a total mess inside, and there were dirty footprints on the carpet. But, there were no other signs of a **break-in**.

The next day, the police arrested Nicole for **fraud** and she **plead guilty**.

Why?

Vocabulary:

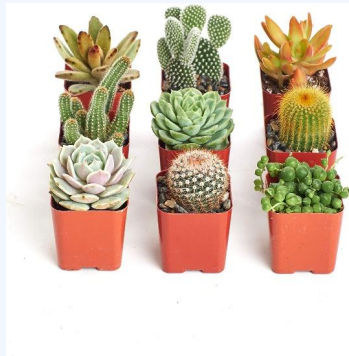
Report – *verb* to tell somebody (such as the police) that something has happened.

Vintage – *adjective* old and usually valuable.

Break-in – *verb* to illegally enter a house/property

Fraud – *noun* falsifying/faking documents or pretending something has happened for your own benefit.

Plead guilty – *verb* confess to having committed the crime.



A local plant shop **broke the law**. They had been selling an **invasive species** of **succulent plant** which is **against the law** in Vietnam.

There are three men working at the store:

John has a **police record**, but promises he has **mended his ways**.

Steve says he hadn't been at work lately, because he cut his hands.

Gary says he didn't even know what a **succulent plant** was!

Who is guilty and why?

Vocabulary:

Broke the law – *verb* – do something illegal.

Invasive species – *noun* – a plant or animal that breeds/spreads too quickly and can kill native species'.

Succulent plant – *noun* – a plant that requires little water, such as a cactus.

Against the law – *adjective* – Illegal

Police record – *noun* – a history of a person's crimes.

Mend your ways – *expression* – to become a good person