

Solution Pages



*Spoiler warning, do not read until you are done with your detective work.
These pages reveal the identity of the killer.*

The timeline shows that Emma Strand was abducted on Friday, December 19, 2014, within the interval of 2:25 PM – 2:40 PM. She was released from school supervision at approximately 2:25 PM, and her hat was discovered by a passerby at around 2:40 PM on the woodland path she normally used to walk home. When Emma’s body was placed at the eventual discovery site has not been established, making these minutes the only secure timeframe available.

At home, accounts indicate that Emma’s stepfather, **Mikael Forsman**, was strict toward her. Her biological father, Richard Strand, noticed bruises on several occasions and expressed early suspicions that Mikael might be involved. Investigators uncovered evidence of financial difficulties tied to gambling debts. The bank records show registered transactions to the online site VikingPlay on December 19 at 2:15 PM and 2:36 PM, strongly suggesting that Mikael was at his computer during the critical window, making his direct involvement unlikely.

Richard Strand is the owner of a company with substantial turnover. **Per-Olof Hammar**, chairman of the board, had an ongoing conflict with him. An email exchange that same afternoon shows Richard informing Per-Olof of his dismissal, followed by an aggressive reply from Hammar. While this might suggest a motive to harm Richard by targeting his family, the timestamp shows Hammar sent his emails on December 19 at 2:44 PM, and the content indicates that he was at the office at the time. This provides him with an alibi for the abduction window and makes his involvement improbable.

Carina Rydell, a friend of Julia Strand, has expressed jealousy over the Strand family’s financial situation and the privileges Emma enjoyed, which Carina has felt puts pressure on her as a single mother. While this might be considered a weak motive, Carina’s alibi holds: the staff system at Falun Cinema (accessible via staff.faluncinema.com) confirms that she was on shift at the time of Emma’s disappearance.

Lovisa Lundqvist, the babysitter, is under psychiatric care and prescribed Risperidone. Emma’s diary entries suggested a strained relationship between the two. Risperidone is typically prescribed for psychosis, and one might theorize that a person with delusions harboring negative feelings toward a child could act irrationally or dangerously towards them. A receipt found at Lovisa’s residence places her at Stable Birch Café in Falun at 11:14 AM that day. On its own, this offers little alibi value as Lovisa herself mentioned: *‘It’s in Falun. Not far from anything in this small town. really’*. However, the café’s website (stablebirch.com/cafe) found on the receipt links to scheduling pages. The scheduling system has a login with phone number and password. Lovisa’s phone number can be found in her medical

record page. During her interview, she mentioned her beloved childhood cat, Marcellus, and using that as the password grants access to her account. Inside the account, the booking history shows a confirmed riding lesson for Lovisa from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on December 19. This provides her with a strong and verifiable alibi.

Christoffer Westin, a substitute teacher, has a prior report filed against him in Uppsala regarding inappropriate behavior toward students, though the case was later dismissed. The concealed shed later yielded short, light-colored hairs, which raises suspicion since Christoffer is the only suspect with such hair. He struggled to recall his whereabouts during the time Emma was abducted, but records from the cinema's staff portal (staff.faluncinema.com) under Bookings → Group Bookings confirm that Christoffer, together with his class, attended a screening of Big Hero 6 from 2:20 PM to 4:05 PM on December 19. This verified entry provides him with a solid alibi for the critical timeframe.

Fredrik "Freddy" Andersson, the family's neighbor, is regarded by locals as unsettling and has often been seen lingering near playgrounds. He is the only suspect without an alibi for the critical timeframe. On December 19, at approximately 2:34 PM, Freddy waited on the woodland path Emma used. He forcibly led her to the shed, where he kept her before ultimately ending her life by strangulation. To reduce the risk of the shed being linked to him, Freddy carried her body back toward the original area of disappearance in the middle of the night, but forgot Emma's jacket inside the shed.

The shed search uncovered some key findings. Forensic analysis showed that the fine, light-colored hairs - deemed too short to be Emma's - yielded no human DNA profile, as they were in fact shed by Freddy's dog. When examined closely, Freddy's photograph reveals his dog in the background. Freddy disguised his repeated visits to the shed as ordinary dog walks, during which the dog left its hairs behind.

Another detail pointing to Freddy is the knife recovered in the shed. It's not an ordinary kitchen knife, but a specialized butcher's knife. Its curved blade and wide, sharp edge are designed for slicing meat and tracing bone contours with precision. The simple riveted handle, devoid of decoration, also indicates a tool made for heavy-duty slaughterhouse work rather than domestic cooking. The information from Freddy's interview reveals his employment as a butcher at Falu Meat.

Real-World Connection: The Helén Nilsson Case

In this fictional case, the discovery of dog hair plays a role in the investigation - a detail that mirrors one of Sweden's most infamous real-life murder cases.

In 1989, Helén Nilsson, a ten-year-old girl from Hörby in southern Sweden, went missing. Her body was discovered several days later in a wooded area outside Höör, marking the beginning of one of the most extensive criminal investigations in Swedish history.



During the investigation, police found dog hairs both at the crime scene and in the nearby summer cottage belonging to the perpetrator Ulf Olsson. The hairs were later linked to a dog that had been present in the cottage, further strengthening the case against him.

Although the dog hairs alone did not prove Olsson's guilt, they became an important piece of the forensic puzzle. Combined with DNA analysis and other physical evidence, they helped investigators finally connect him to the crime.

Score page

What details did you pick up during the investigation?

Page	Detail	Checkbox
15	Mikael Forsman is portrayed in a way that initially raises suspicion toward him.	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Mikael points out Freddy's unsettling behavior of frequently lingering around playgrounds and watching children.	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Strand Construction is a company with high turnover. Per-Olof Hammar holds a senior position there, which likely provides a substantial salary. Losing that position would therefore be devastating for him.	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	In the email exchange, Per-Olof writes that he will make Richard's life a living hell, giving him a motive to harm Richard's child.	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Per-Olof sent emails at 2:38 PM and 2:44 PM on December 19. The content indicates that he was in his office, giving him an alibi.	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Freddy works as a butcher at Falu Meat.	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Freddy's dog can be seen in the background of his photograph.	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Freddy has no alibi for the abduction.	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Carina Rydell expressed jealousy over the family's finances and Emma's privileges. A possible (though weak) motive.	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	staff.faluncinema.com shows Carina was on duty when Emma disappeared.	<input type="checkbox"/>



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21	Police report shows Christoffer Westin previously behaved inappropriately toward children, a potential motive.	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Emma’s diary reveals a strained relationship with her babysitter, Lovisa.	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Lovisa’s medical records show mental illness with delusions, portraying her as unstable.	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Lovisa is prescribed Risperidone, used to treat psychosis, which in theory could explain extreme behavior.	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Receipt from Stable Birch Café shows Lovisa was there at 11:14 AM. Alone, this does not provide an alibi.	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	The receipt includes stablebirch.com/cafe , a website containing a booking schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/>
24+25	Lovisa’s phone number from the medical record (023999204) and the password Marcellus can be used to log in, revealing her confirmed riding lesson from 2:00–3:00 PM which gives her a solid alibi.	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Bank records show Mikael was gambling online at 2:15 PM and 2:36 PM, strongly suggesting he was at his computer, not abducting Emma.	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	The light-colored hairs found in the shed initially casts suspicion on Christoffer Westin, as he is the only suspect with short, fair hair.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Group bookings in staff.faluncinema.com provides Christoffer with a solid alibi.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The hairs did not come from a human, but from Freddy’s dog.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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31	The recovered knife was not an ordinary kitchen knife, but had characteristics indicating it was intended for slaughtering.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Needed the clue to solve the case	-1 points
	Found Freddy to be the killer	+5 points



Detective Ranking

What kind of detective are you? Each checkbox equals 1 point. Solving the case without the clue while finding all the details can give you a maximum of 27 points.

Points	Detective status
0-4	New at Work
5-8	Amateur Investigator
9-13	Detective in Training
14-18	Seasoned Detective
19-25	Master Detective
26-27	Legend

Official Ink & Clues Case Log

Detective,

Use this log to document your investigations. Mark which cases you've tackled - whether you successfully identified the culprit, your detective ranking, the perceived complexity and how much you enjoyed each case.

Case Title	Culprit Found? Yes/No	Detective Ranking	Difficulty rating (1-5)	Personal rating (1-5)
The Organ Harvester				
The Ferryman				
Secrets of the Holloway Manor				
A Lethal Fix				
Unknown Identity				
Room 125				
Buried Alive				
The Girl in the Snow				

