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Hello, Investigator.

Thanks for taking this case. I know your client, Maria, will be grateful for your help.

You should have everything you need to solve this murder. Maria has a lot of useful evidence to share with you, and she's already taken the initiative to interview potential witnesses about what they saw on the day of the crime. Since she knows the community so well, I asked her to put together profiles on the people she thinks are the most likely suspects using our DeviantTracker software. Her notes on each of them should help you narrow the field and find the killer. If only all my clients were as thorough as she is.

Of course, she has reason to be. Her son Teo has been arrested for the crime. I can't blame her for trying to look out for her son, but I should warn you right now: Your responsibility is to follow the facts, not to give her the answer she's looking for. Maria may be the client, but it's your duty to bring the killer to justice, no matter who it is.

If I were you, I'd start by working out a timeline of everyone's movements on the day of the murder. You may not be able to account for every moment of their day, but figuring out what they were each doing in the hours leading up to and immediately following the crime will help you get a handle on the situation and better assess everyone's alibis.

Remember that you should be able to corroborate your suspects' claims, so don't write someone off until you can back up their alibi with other evidence. Keep in mind that you're going to have to do more than simply exclude innocent suspects. You'll also need to work out who the real killer is and why they committed the crime.

Pay attention to each suspect's means, motive, and opportunity. The killer will be someone who meets all three criteria: they had the chance to commit the murder, had a reason to do it, and can be linked to the scene of the crime. If you can prove a suspect wasn't at the scene, they're in the clear.

You'll also want to brush up on your code-breaking skills for this case. There's no better way to conceal secret information than with a cipher, and it seems like everyone at Stella Park has something to hide. Pay attention to context clues to help you work out the true meaning of the coded messages you find. And don't forget, sometimes looking at a problem from a different angle can give you a fresh perspective.

I know you can work out what really happened, if you're willing to follow where the evidence leads you.

Good luck!

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