

# Character Sheet: Thomas Kessler

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## Case

### Location:

Hamburg's exclusive Seestrasse Club, hosting a dinner for political donors and whistleblowers

### Victim Name:

Elena Voss

### Summary:

Elena Voss was found dead at the table during dessert, her throat slit with a knife. The menu - Matjessalat Hausfrauen Art, Beef Roulade, and Franzbrötchen - was served with deliberate timing, hinting at a staged dinner. Guests were in on the plot, but only one knew the truth: she was investigating a leaked document that exposed the mayor's offshore accounts.

### Timeline:

The murder occurred at 8:15 PM during the dessert course, as guests laughed over the Franzbrötchen. No one noticed the knife in her throat until the dessert was cleared. The killer left no trace, only a single dropped spoon and a half-eaten matjessalat.

### Victim Description:

42, investigative journalist, known for exposing offshore financial schemes

## Character Details

### Name:

Thomas Kessler

### Appearance:

Dressed in a tailored navy suit, he was the most animated guest at the table, laughing loudly over the Franzbrötchen.

### Occupation:

Political donor

### Relation To Victim:

Known to have funded Elena's investigation into offshore accounts.

### Personality Traits:

- charismatic - calculating

### Background:

A powerful figure in Hamburg's political circles, he uses his influence to control narratives around coastal subsidies.

### Murderer Label:

No