Case#Unknown

Victim:

• Name: Dr. Elizabeth Harper

• Age: 45

• Occupation: Renowned Research Scientist

• **Background**: Dr. Harper was known for her groundbreaking work in biotechnology. She was widely respected in her field but had a few professional rivalries.

Crime Scene:

- Location: Dr. Harper's private laboratory at her home in an upscale neighborhood.
- **Body Found**: Lying on the floor near her research desk.
- Time of Death: Estimated between 10 PM and midnight.

Cause of Death:

• **Possible Murder Weapon**: A heavy glass paperweight (with Dr. Harper's fingerprints and a small, smeared bloodstain on it).

Evidence:

- Witness Statement: A neighbor reported hearing a loud argument from Dr. Harper's home around 9:30 PM. The witness could identify the voice as the suspect's and that of Dr. Harper.
- Player's Link to the Victim: The player was a former research assistant to Dr.
 Harper, recently let go, no reason for termination was mentioned.
- **Physical Evidence**: The player's fingerprint found on a coffee mug in Dr. Harper's kitchen.
- **Digital Evidence**: Text messages between the player and Dr. Harper showing heated exchanges about a research project.

• **Security Footage**: A blurry video from a nearby security camera showing a person of the player's build entering Dr. Harper's home around 9 PM and leaving around 10:30 PM.

Potential Exonerating Evidence (ASK THE PLAYER QUESTIONS THAT MAY MAKE THEM COME TO THIS):

- **Alternate Suspect**: Dr. Harper's professional rival, Dr. Marcus Bell, had a public dispute with her about the same project.
- **Unusual Detail**: The paperweight has traces of another person's DNA (potentially Dr. Bell's) mixed with the blood.
- Access to Lab: Only Dr. Harper and a few trusted colleagues had keys, but no signs of forced entry imply the attacker was someone she knew.