Interview Analyst

Phase 1

It is Friday Nov 13, 2015. Five minutes ago, police received information from a reliable source that there will be another laptop theft next week during weekdays in one of the buildings on Penn State campus or in downtown area. The source did not know precisely which day in the next week the theft will take place. Thus, police have to know everything (i.e., time, place, and victim) about this upcoming theft by Sunday evening because the theft can take place as early as 8am on next Monday. The police have been working on this case for months and narrowed down the persons of interests to 26 people. Catching the thief in the next week will help them greatly by providing solid evidences in the court so as to stop future thefts.

As one analyst in the police team, you know that you do not have enough information to solve the case at this point. You also know that your investigation team only has two days left (Saturday and Sunday) to collect more information for you to analyze. Based on this situation, your plan is to **narrow down the list of 26 suspects to eight** by the end of today, give the list to your investigation team, so they can start collecting information on these people as soon as tomorrow begins.

When your team completes this phase, fill out the answer sheet provided for the phase. Glancing the answer sheet before starting each phase may help clarify the goal of your mission.

After the theft on August 28, you made a sweep of people and places that might be associated with the crime. Below is a list of people that you have information on from conducting interviews and collecting physical evidence.

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| Ariana | Brandon | Cristian | Dante | Elizabeth |
| Frank | Greg | Holly | Isabel | Jordan |
| Kristin | Luke | Mikayla | Nicolas | Orin |
| Percy | Quentin | Riley | Sean | Tay |
| Ursela | Vanesa | Whitney | Xavier | Yadir |
| Zahra |  |  |  |  |

The following is your report of evidence that may be related.

**NOTES FOR AUGUST 28TH INCIDENT**

*August 29 interviews with persons of interest:*

Luke knows Isabel quite well. Luke said he met her at a bar and they have been in contact since then.

Dante was at a bar over the summer and ran into Vanesa. He said,"Vanesa was acting dumb and kept hitting on me all night. She's cute and all, but I have a girlfriend so I just ignored her."

Spoke with Orin at the Starbucks on Garner where he works and he said Whitney also works there and they often work the same shifts. Orin says Whitney is very smart and often helps her fellow classmates with exams. Says he has often seen Whitney help Xavier prepare for several exams for some class they take together. Orin said he does not have any classes with Whitney, but does take an art class with Percy outside of school.

I asked one of Isabel’s friends about Isabel’s relationship with Luke. Her friend said that Isabel lent Luke money because they are good friends, but Luke does not have the money to pay back. Her friend also mentioned that Luke felt guilty about owing Isabel money for such a long time. But there isn’t too many things that he could do to change the situation at this point.

Dante said he knows Quentin really well. He says Quentin is a really nice guy, but has too much stuff going on outside of school, so he helps him with his exams. Dante says Quentin needs the help in order to stay in good standing with the school.

Yadir left for an internship in DC on August 19th. Thus, his former roommate was interviewed instead. Yadir’s roommate said that he has been chatting with Yadir online. Yadir mentioned to him that he has been really stressed out lately. Wasn't sure why, but said Yadir does have a $500 credit card debt he needs to pay, so maybe he was having money troubles, but he wasn't sure. Yadir’s former roommate also said that since Yadir left, he hasn’t had a chance to come back to State College. Yadir mentioned to his former roommate that he wanted to save some money, so he will not return to State College until he finishes his internship. However, he knows that Yadir’s girlfriend, Jordan, went visit him in DC on Thursday (Aug 27th) and stayed for the weekend.

*August 29 interview with A’s dorm roommate:*

“Ariana meets Mondays from 3-5pm in the HUB with his student presidential campaign group, which includes Frank and Kristin.”

“Ariana owes money to Riley. Riley has asked about paying him back, but Ariana told me she has no intention to pay.”

*August 29 interview with Kristin’s Allen Way Apartment roommate:*

“Kristin was here in the morning and left around 11am on Friday the 28th.”

*August 29 interviews of morning staff at local cafés and restaurants:*

An employee taking food orders at Panera remembered Isabel and Percy getting breakfast together there between 7:30 to 8:30am on Friday, August 28. Employee said they were holding hands and being affectionate.

This same Panera employee also remembers Orin and Percy as regulars on Friday evenings. Further interviews with other employees verified that Orin and Percy come in every Friday from 7:30-10:30am. One employee shares a class with Orin and Percy and says they are meeting for a class project.

A student who works at MacKinnon’s Café (Patee Library) saw Cristian having breakfast there between 7:50 and 8:10am on Friday, August 28. Cristian told the student he was going to go study afterwards.

Rec building employees said Holly was working out there on Friday, August 28, from 7:30am- 9:30am.

*August 29 interviews with employers of persons of interest:*

Zahra has a part-time job at Paterno Library on Mondays from 2-5pm: good worker, always on time.

Orin has a part-time job at the Starbucks on Garner. She works on Mondays from 1-4pm. She never calls in sick and has been there for over a year.

The Manager of MacKinnon's Cafe in Patee Library said Brandon works part-time on Mondays from 1-4pm. Used to also work Friday mornings, but requested Fridays off so he could meet with Greg and Luke at the HUB from 8-10am. Manager said they have meetings at that time for a campus election campaign.

*August 29th interviews with employees from the white building*

Gym employees identified Riley and Cristian as regulars. They said Riley is always in on Thursdays from 3-5pm. Cristian has Basketball practice every Friday from 9-11am.

*August 29th interviews with teachers/ coaches of persons of interest*

Teacher from Fraser Dancing Workshopsaid that Vanesa is in her Modern dance class, which meets Thursdays from 3-5pm.

The men's swimming and diving head coach said Nicolas is one of his top swimmers: very disciplined and dedicated. He is always at practice on Fridays from 8-10am.

**NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD INCIDENT**

*After incident on 8/28 YOU assigned various persons of interest to be followed (tailed). Here are some* ***notes from their tails for September 3rd.***

*September 3rd, 3:30pm:*

Orin heads out running on west side of campus. It's hard to keep up with him. Lost him for a bit, but saw him return from run at 4:30pm

*September 3rd, 3pm:*

Followed Dante, Elizabeth, and Isabel to Webster's Cafe Downtown. They sat down and pulled out notebooks. Elizabeth got up to order coffee and seemed to be on friendly terms with the worker at the counter. They packed up and left at 6pm. After they left interviewed counter worker:

He recognized Dante, Elizabeth, and Isabel from pictures. He said they are frequent customers. They always meet on Thursdays from 3-6pm. The worker has had a conversation with Elizabeth when trying to get her phone number. Elizabeth said she, Isabel and Dante were meeting because they were taking part in a STARTUP business plan competition. He asked if she was free Friday night, but she said no: she leaves State College every Thursday night to work for family business. Elizabeth returns to school on Tuesday mornings.

*September 3rd, 3:40pm:*

I followed Ursela to Eisenhower Parking Deck. She went into the permit office. I got in line behind her. She asked for parking permit application for new car and proceeded to fill it out. She left at 4:10pm.

**NOTES FOR OCTOBER 5TH INCIDENT**

*October 6th interviews with local restaurant workers*

Worker from Five Guys recognized Mikayla from pictures, said he has a class with him (circuits and devices). The worker said Mikayla came in for lunch on Monday, October 5th at 2:40 pm. Said he remembered the exact time because he was getting off work in 50 minutes and Mikayla left at the same time he did, 3:30pm.

*October 6th interviews with students and workers from building near crime scene*

Librarian from engineering library (located in Hammond building) claims to have seen Quentin studying in the library on October 5th, from 1-5pm. Remembered the time because Quentin tried to sneak in lunch food when he arrived at 1pm, but was caught and asked to put it away. He left at the same time that the librarian took a break.

Employees from the Rec building identified Holly and Xavier from the pictures. They were quite familiar with both as they are both very social with staff. Holly is a regular. One person remembered Xavier working out from 3-5pm. Another said Holly was in earlier, from 2:30-4pm.

A student saw Sean and Tay running in the North campus when she was outside studying on the lawn for a statistics test. The student said Sean has helped her with her statistics class as Sean works in the statistics consultant office. Saw them heading out at 2:30pm and returning at 3:30pm. She said hi to Sean at 3:30pm as she was packing up and heading to her stats test. She joked with Sean and said, "I guess we'll see how good of a consultant you really are."

*October 9th interviews with persons of interest*

Ariana said she was playing tennis with a friend on Friday, October 9th, from 8:30-10:30am. She said they played on the tennis courts next to the IM building. Friend corroborated the story.

Frank was at home with roommate at the University Clubs. Roommate said Frank left home at 12pm.