

# PHASE 2 EVIDENCE PACKETS

## The Last Toast — Cooperative Murder Mystery

 **DISTRIBUTE TO: EACH DETECTIVE GETS THEIR ASSIGNED SECTION**

Cut this document into 5 sections. Each detective gets *ONLY* their packet:

- Detective 1: Timeline Analyst
- Detective 2: Forensics Lead
- Detective 3: Social Observer
- Detective 4: Objects & Space
- Detective 5: Motive & Money

## PHASE 2: CONTRADICTIONS

Duration: 30 Minutes

### Instructions

- Each detective receives new evidence for their specialty
- Continue sharing and building theories together
- Pay close attention to inconsistencies

# DETECTIVE 1: TIMELINE ANALYST

## Phase 2 Evidence Packet

### DOCUMENT 1-E: Camera Technical Report

#### SECURETECH PVT. LTD. TECHNICAL INCIDENT REPORT

Field	Detail
Client	Malhotra Estate
Incident	Camera SC-1 Malfunction
Date	December 14, 2024
Report Date	December 15, 2024

#### MALFUNCTION DETAILS

Field	Detail
Camera	SC-1 (Main Entrance)
Offline Time	00:47:12

Online Time	01:10:34
Duration	23 minutes, 22 seconds
Error Code	PWR_INTERRUPT

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

**Cause:** Localized power interruption to camera unit

The camera experienced a physical power cut at its junction box. This was **NOT:**

- A software malfunction
- A network connectivity issue
- A scheduled maintenance event

The power was **physically interrupted** at the source.

JUNCTION BOX LOCATION

The junction box for SC-1 is located in the **SERVICE KITCHEN**.

Access requires no specialized tools or knowledge. The junction box is wall-mounted with a simple access panel.

DOCUMENT 1-F: Estate Pre-Party Access Log

MALHOTRA ESTATE VISITOR LOG — DECEMBER 12-13, 2024

Maintained by: Security Office

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Time	Visitor	Purpose	Notes
15:45	Delivery — Premium Spirits & Gifts	Whiskey bottle (Macallan 25)	Received by: Meenakshi (Housekeeper)
19:32	Rohit Malhotra	"To collect documents from study"	Departed: 21:15. Note: Mr. Arjun Malhotra in Mumbai

**Critical:** Rohit was alone in the study for nearly 2 hours on December 12, after the bottle was delivered but before the party.

DECEMBER 13, 2024

Time	Visitor	Purpose	Notes
09:15	Deepika Joshi	"Work matters — schedule coordination"	Departed: 11:30
14:22	Priya Malhotra	"To drop off legal documents"	Departed: 15:45. Note: Argument with staff
18:00	Arjun Malhotra	Returns from Mumbai	Accompanied by: Kavya Sharma

19:00	Catering Staff	Event setup	Silver Spoon Catering Services
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DOCUMENT 1-G: Delivery Manifest

PREMIUM SPIRITS & GIFTS PVT. LTD. DELIVERY MANIFEST

Field	Detail
Order Number	PSG-2024-8847
Invoice Number	INV-PSG-8847
Product	Macallan 25 Year Single Malt Scotch Whisky (700ml)
Bottle ID	BTL-7794
Price	₹1,85,000

Field	Detail
Delivery Date	December 12, 2024, 15:45
Received By	Meenakshi Rao (Housekeeper)
Placement	Whiskey cabinet, private study
Sender	Vikram Saxena, Saxena House, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai

**Gift Note Attached:** "Arjun, Despite our disagreements, I believe we can find a way forward. Let's share a drink at your party. — Vikram"

DOCUMENT 1-H: Catering Staff Log

SILVER SPOON CATERING SERVICES PARTY EVENT STAFF LOG

Field	Detail
Event	Malhotra Estate After-Party
Client	Arjun Malhotra
Date	December 13-14, 2024

Field	Detail
Staff Arrived	December 13, 2024, 19:00
Staff Departed	December 14, 2024, 02:30

Personnel:

Name	Role	Station
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Suresh Patil	Bartender (Lead)	Terrace bar
Vikash Mehta	Catering Coordinator	All areas, oversees setup
Rekha Singh	Server	Drawing room
Amit Sharma	Server	Dining room

**Access Areas:** Terrace bar, service kitchen, drawing room, main hallway

**Note:** All catering staff departed together at 02:30 AM via service entrance.

## DETECTIVE 2: FORENSICS LEAD

### Phase 2 Evidence Packet

#### DOCUMENT 2-E: Fiber Analysis Report

##### MAHARASHTRA STATE FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY TRACE EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

Field	Detail
Case Number	MH/ALB/2024/1847
Evidence	EV-008 (Fiber samples from victim's neck)
Analyst	Dr. Priya Desai, Trace Evidence Unit

#### FIBER CHARACTERISTICS

Property	Finding
Material	Silk (natural)
Structure	Braided, multi-strand
Color	Deep burgundy (Pantone 19-1536 TCX)
Width	1.5 cm consistent with ligature mark

#### COMPARISON ANALYSIS

Sample	EV-008 (Neck fibers)	Reference (Study curtain cord)
Material	Silk	Silk
Color	Burgundy	Burgundy
Structure	Braided	Braided
Match	—	POSITIVE

**Conclusion:** Fibers from victim's neck are consistent with the silk curtain cord from the study window.

DOCUMENT 2-F: Sedative Source Investigation

ALIBAUG POLICE STATION INVESTIGATION NOTE — SEDATIVE SOURCE

Field	Detail
Subject	Diazepam acquisition tracing
Lead Officer	Inspector Mehra
Date	December 16, 2024

SUSPECT PHARMACEUTICAL ACCESS ANALYSIS

Suspect	Access Type	Notes
Dr. Raghav Menon	Direct (Physician)	Can prescribe; has access to controlled substances
Deepika Joshi	Indirect	Father is Ayurvedic practitioner in Rishikesh
Kavya Sharma	None confirmed	No known pharmaceutical connections
Priya Malhotra	None confirmed	Has prescription for sleeping pills (different compound)
Anil Verma	None confirmed	No pharmaceutical connections
Rohit Malhotra	INVESTIGATION REQUIRED	See below

FINANCIAL TRANSACTION ANALYSIS — ROHIT MALHOTRA

Bank Statement Extract — November 2024

Date	Transaction	Amount	Payee
Nov 15	Transfer	₹45,000	Personal expense
Nov 18	Transfer	₹1,25,000	Investment account
Nov 22	Wire Transfer	₹2,50,000	Mehta Pharmaceuticals (Private)
Nov 28	Transfer	₹30,000	Personal expense

**Note:** Mehta Pharmaceuticals (Private) is a pharmaceutical supply company. The ₹2.5 Lakh transaction has been flagged for further investigation.

DOCUMENT 2-G: Ligature Analysis

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

**Subject:** Missing curtain cord — search results

Search Area	Result
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Study	Not found
Hallway	Not found
Service Kitchen	Not found
Drawing Room	Not found
Garden (behind study window)	Silk fibers found on ground
Garden (fountain area)	Not found

**Conclusion:** The ligature was likely removed from the scene and discarded. Silk fibers in the garden suggest the cord was thrown out the study window.

## DETECTIVE 3: SOCIAL OBSERVER

### Phase 2 Evidence Packet

#### DOCUMENT 3-E: Deepika Joshi — Background Report

##### PRIVATE INVESTIGATION — CONFIDENTIAL

Field	Detail
Subject	Deepika Joshi
Age	29
Position	Executive Assistant to Chairman, Malhotra Industries

##### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Field	Detail
Education	MBA, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management
Father	Dr. R.K. Joshi, Ayurvedic Practitioner, Rishikesh
Relationship Status	Single
Medical Status	14 weeks pregnant

##### CRITICAL DISCOVERY — Prior Relationship

Subject previously dated ROHIT MALHOTRA.

Detail	Information
Relationship Period	March 2019 – November 2019 (8 months)
How They Met	Introduced by mutual friends at Delhi University event

Breakup	Mutual; she cited "career focus"
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Rohit introduced Deepika to Arjun Malhotra in January 2020 as a potential PA candidate.

AFFAIR DISCOVERY

Event	Date
Deepika-Arjun relationship began	Approximately June 2023
Rohit discovered the affair	October 2024
Confrontation (Rohit vs. Deepika)	November 15, 2024

DOCUMENT 3-F: Supplementary Bartender Statement

ALIBAUG POLICE STATION SUPPLEMENTARY WITNESS STATEMENT

Field	Detail
Witness	Suresh Patil, Bartender
Date	December 15, 2024
Statement Taken By	SI Pradeep Sawant

Statement (Additional):

"After my first statement, I remembered something else.

Around 11:45 PM, I saw Kavya Madam and Deepika Madam arguing on the terrace. Kavya Madam was very upset. I heard her say something like 'stay away from him' and 'I know what you're doing.'

Deepika Madam looked scared. She walked away quickly.

Also, I saw Rohit Sir go toward the study around 1:50 AM. He was there for about 20 minutes before he came out and left. He seemed calm when he came out — which I thought was strange given how upset he'd been earlier in the evening."

DOCUMENT 3-G: Nisha-Rohit Sibling Dynamic

INVESTIGATION NOTE

Interview with household staff revealed significant sibling rivalry between Nisha Malhotra and Rohit Malhotra:

- Nisha felt Rohit was "always favored" as the firstborn son
- Rohit resented that Nisha "always had father's approval"
- Staff reported arguments about "who deserved what" regarding inheritance
- Nisha left party early (11:45 PM) after argument with Rohit

However: Nisha and husband Sanjay departed before midnight — both have alibis for time of death.

DOCUMENT 3-H: Kavya Sharma — Background Investigation

PRIVATE INVESTIGATION — CONFIDENTIAL

Field	Detail
Subject	Kavya Sharma
Age	34
Position	Fiancée of Arjun Malhotra

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Field	Detail
College	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai (2012-2015)
Degree	Bachelor of Commerce
Profession	Interior Designer

PRIOR RELATIONSHIPS

Partner	Period	Notes
Suraj Kapoor	2017-2019	Entrepreneur, brief engagement (broken off)

CURRENT STATUS

- Engaged to Arjun Malhotra since March 2024
- Age gap: 28 years (Kavya 34, Arjun 62)
- Met at a design industry event in late 2023
- Engagement ring: Cartier, estimated ₹85 Lakh

DETECTIVE 4: OBJECTS & SPACE

Phase 2 Evidence Packet

DOCUMENT 4-D: Movement Path Analysis

CRIME SCENE RECONSTRUCTION

There are TWO paths from the main party areas to the private study:

PATH A: VISIBLE ROUTE

Drawing Room → Main Hallway → Study Door

- Visible to cameras SC-1 and SC-3
- Takes approximately 30 seconds
- Used by:** Most guests observed going to/from study

PATH B: HIDDEN ROUTE



Service Kitchen → Back Corridor → Study (side entrance)

- **NOT visible** to any cameras
- Junction box for SC-1 is located here
- Takes approximately 45 seconds
- **Who knew about this path?**
  - All family members who grew up at estate
  - Long-term staff (8+ years)
  - Security personnel

**Note:** Rohit Malhotra grew up at this estate and was present during security system installation 6 years ago.

DOCUMENT 4-E: Glass Movement Timeline

EVIDENCE ANALYSIS — GLASS POSITIONING

EV-002 (Champagne Flute) — Location Mystery

Finding	Analysis
Found in	Whiskey cabinet
Normal location	Bar cart or drawing room
Lipstick	Deep burgundy (matches Deepika Joshi's brand)
Fingerprints	Victim, <b>Rohit Malhotra</b> , unidentified

**Question:** Why would Rohit Malhotra's fingerprints be on a champagne glass that was found in the whiskey cabinet?

Possible explanations:

1. He handled it during the party (normal)
2. He moved it to the cabinet after the murder (evidence tampering)
3. He picked it up inadvertently

**Rohit's statement:** "I went to the study at 1:50 AM to say goodbye."

DOCUMENT 4-F: Curtain Cord — Chain of Custody

EVIDENCE NOTE

Date	Time	Status	Notes
Dec 12	15:45	Intact	Housekeeper confirms both cords present during delivery
Dec 12	21:15	Unknown	Rohit departs; no inspection
Dec 13	18:00	Unknown	Arjun returns; no inspection
Dec 14	06:15	<b>Missing</b>	Housekeeper discovers one cord missing

The cord was last confirmed present on December 12 at 15:45.

Rohit Malhotra was the only visitor to the study between 15:45 (delivery) and 18:00 (Arjun's return).

## DETECTIVE 5: MOTIVE & MONEY

### Phase 2 Evidence Packet

#### DOCUMENT 5-E: Victim's Phone — Text Messages

##### ALIBAUG POLICE STATION PHONE EXTRACTION REPORT

Field	Detail
Device	iPhone 15 Pro Max (Arjun Malhotra)
Extraction Date	December 14, 2024

##### MESSAGES — DECEMBER 13-14, 2024

To: Deepika Joshi (+91-98XXX-33456)

Time	Direction	Message
23:52	Sent	"Come to study at 1:30. We need to talk about the announcement."
23:54	Received	"I'll be there."

To: Unknown (+91-XX-XXXX-XXXX — Burner)

Time	Direction	Message
01:52	Sent	"I know who you are. We need to talk. Tomorrow."

**Note:** This was Arjun's final message, sent 8-23 minutes before estimated time of death.

#### DOCUMENT 5-F: Insurance Clause Analysis

##### LEGAL MEMORANDUM — CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Policy ICICI-LI-2019-7845621, Section 12.4 (Forfeiture Clause)

##### Analysis:

If any beneficiary is **convicted** of causing the insured's death:

- That beneficiary forfeits all claims
- Forfeited amount redistributed to remaining beneficiaries
- Redistribution is proportional to remaining shares

##### Scenario Analysis — If Rohit Malhotra is convicted:

Beneficiary	Original Share	After Forfeiture
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Kavya Sharma	₹300 Cr	₹315.8 Cr
Priya Malhotra	₹200 Cr	₹210.5 Cr
Deepika Joshi	₹150 Cr	₹157.9 Cr
Nisha Malhotra	₹150 Cr	₹157.9 Cr
Sanjay Kapoor	₹50 Cr	₹52.6 Cr
Rohit Malhotra	₹50 Cr	₹0

DOCUMENT 5-G: Whistleblower Connection

INVESTIGATION NOTE — BURNER PHONE ANALYSIS

Device: Nokia 105 (EV-004)

Field	Detail
SIM	Prepaid, purchased Patna, Bihar
Registered to	"R. Kumar" (false identity)
Contacts stored	3 entries

CONTACT LIST

Entry	Number	Notes
"D"	+91-98XXX-33456	Matches Deepika Joshi
"Office"	+91-22-XXXX-XXXX	Malhotra Industries main line
"R"	+91-99XXX-88123	Matches Rohit Malhotra

CALL LOG

Date	Time	Contact	Duration
Dec 10	21:15	"D"	8 min
Dec 12	19:45	"D"	3 min
Dec 13	20:45	"D"	2 min

**Theory:** Deepika may be the whistleblower ("D" contact). The burner phone was found in Arjun's desk — was he tracking the whistleblower?

END OF PHASE 2 EVIDENCE

Continue discussing. Phase 3 begins in 30 minutes.