DIAL UP DETECTIVE STORYLINE:

A big-time lawyer has been found dead in a hotel room. Cause of death is blunt force trauma to the head, delivered by a decorative statuette from the hotel room (it was found bloody and chipped). The murder was called in by the cleaning lady of the hotel.

The lawyer is Laurence Mancor, 29, he works for a big-time attorney office as of the last couple years. He was a fearsome and respected prosecution lawyer, who so far has won every case he’s taken on.

No one knows why he booked the hotel room.

He used the hotel phone twice. One call to the attorney’s office, one call to a random number.

A napkin, crumpled up and thrown in the bin, has a case file number scribbled on it. It’s of a murder where Laurence had found the man guilty. The man died in prison a few days ago, and leaves behind a daughter.

He was signed on to a very important case and the trial begins in a few days. Ana has been appointed in his place.

SUSPECTS:

Ana Strobek: 28, co-worker, also went to college with him.  
 Motive: resentment over job loss and career conflict

Brad Holloway: 31, co-worker, sleazy, does a lot of coke  
 Motive: silence him from ruining his reputation

Billy Windows: 54, he plaintiff of his upcoming case, bank owner, staged the bank robbery for shady reasons  
 Motive: prevent him from destroying his case

Rosa Maveres: The daughter of the man he convicted who died a couple days ago

*Unknown: Laurence’s “associate”*

THE EVENTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (COMMISS PERSPECTIVE):

JUNE 1982: Laurence convicts Billy Windows for tax evasion.

DECEMBER 1982: Laurence and his long-time friend from college, Ana, are hired at the same firm.

MAY 1983: Laurence was a prosecutor with Brad Holloway for a murder case where, despite the evidence being sparse and unreliable, they found the man guilty of murder and he was sentenced for 30 years. He left behind a young daughter, Rosa, who testified in his defence in court.

7TH SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence is so far undefeated; Ana is not doing so well in comparison. She’s been assigned to a case in which Billy Windows is charging an employee with slander and defamation after she reported him to HR for claims of sexual harassment. She knows that he’s a shitty guy and doesn’t want him to win, but her career is on the line. She decides to win the case regardless of her conflict.

10th SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence’s previously convicted murderer dies in prison, and he gets a phone call from Rosa, who says that she now has proof that her father was innocent. He tells Brad about it, who tells him to let it go. Laurence confronts Ana about representing Billy Windows, but she insists she has no choice.

11TH SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence decided to meet Rosa anyway and books a hotel for a night to visit her. He finds evidence to incriminate Billy and offers it to Ana, who refuses to look at it and tells him to back off. Brad overhears this conversation and tells Billy that Ana and Laurence have found evidence that incriminates him, convincing him to get the case reassigned to him so he can win the case for him.

4PM 12th SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence checks in at the hotel. Billy calls the firm and has his case reassigned to Brad. The firm dismisses Ana that afternoon.

7PM 12TH SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence leaves the hotel and meets Rosa to talk.

10PM 12TH SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence returns to the hotel.

11PM 12TH SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence calls the attorney office and speaks to Brad, who tells him that Ana’s been fired and that threatened him to drop both Billy’s case and Rosa. He calls Ana but gets no response.

1:30AM 13th SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence calls the unknown number, which is Rosa, and warns her about Brad.

3AM 13th SEPTEMBER 1985: Laurence is murdered by Ana at approximately this time.

7:30AM 13TH SEPTEMBER 1985: The cleaning lady finds his body and calls the police.

10AM 13TH SEPTEMBER 1985: The commissioner calls you.

GAME TIMELINE:

User is called by the commissioner, gets overview of the case and is forwarded hotel’s phone number.

Hotel? To get more info on the case. User learns:  
-> victim booked the hotel only a couple days ago  
-> victim made two phone calls using the hotel phone: user gains the phone number for the attorney’s office and “unknown” number