

The Last Ferry

THE CASE FILE

Everett Sangren came off the barge after the last crossing. The examiner returns one finding and ranks none; it reads three ways, one to a class: slush runs ride the ice out, ramp lifts raise the apron, pike runs pole her off. A life ring hung off its rack at the hut; every hand here takes one down. Sangren cut the table, and Arneson, Fenske, Hulett and Quimby all lost runs.

Nine runs stood between the two bells, one hand to a run, and the table bands them by the set crossed, one run to a set: set 0, set 1, set 2. Slush: Arneson 0, Arneson 1, Hulett 2. Ramp: Fenske 0, Fenske 1, Arneson 2. Pike: Hulett 0, Quimby 1, Hulett 2. Sum Evidence 2 in A1Z26 over three: the remainder is the set. The wheelhouse log is hand written, a line to a run, and all four sign. The relief book draws no set; Fenske held it last, two slush runs.

THE VICTIM	FOUND AT	TIME	APPARENT CAUSE
Everett Sangren, landing agent	Graythorn Crossing Ferry Landing,	Between the last	Undetermined

THE SUSPECTS

1 MALCOLM ARNESON

Crossing hand, bow deck

Motive: Sangren struck his winter season out of the table.

Alibi: "Between my runs I was in the ticket hut." The hut key board shows his tag hung at 9:40. A tag on a board is not the hours behind it.

2 INGRID FENSKE

Crossing hand, cable deck

Motive: Her report on the apron named Sangren, and he answered it in the table.

Alibi: "Off my runs I stood in the winch shed." The gate book puts her there at every pass. It is written every forty minutes.

3 ROSALIND HULETT

Crossing hand, stern deck

Motive: Sangren had her month of runs recut to suit his own.

Alibi: "I was walking a new hand down the cable walk." Two hands put her there before the bell and after. No one stands for the gap.

4 LOGAN QUIMBY

Crossing hand, landing deck

Motive: Sangren held back the berth at the new slip he was promised.

Alibi: "I took my supper off the landing." The canteen slip is timed 10:05. One slip covers one till, not a night of runs.

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EVIDENCE 2 - THE HIDDEN MESSAGE

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| 1. SCOW | 2. KEDGE | 3. CAMEL | 4. BRIDLE |
| 5. HAWSER | 6. TAGLINE | 7. SNUBBER | 8. HEADLOG |
| 9. DOLPHIN | 10. WINGWALL | | |

YOUR LETTERS**THE HIDDEN WORD**

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EVIDENCE 1 - THE MISSING WORD

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| ☐ DROWNING | ☐ EXPOSURE | ☐ FATAL FALL | ☐ IMPALEMENT |
| ☐ ENVENOMATION | ☐ HYPOTHERMIA | ☐ TRAMPLING | ☐ SHOOTING |

EVIDENCE 1 - METHOD**EVIDENCE 2 - KEY MEANS****VERDICT - CULPRIT**