

The Crime of the Century

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Crime solved

- The crime took place in Northampton
- The butler did it
- He had an accomplice

Outline

- **Facts**
- **Specific Details**
- **Analysis of the Crime**
- **The Trial**
- **Conclusion**

Facts, background

- Emeritus professor Don Tierboat had been working on a secret computer architecture
- Professor Tierboat went to the private residence of Patent Lawyer Phil Resudo
- The butler received the visitor and led him to the library room where the lawyer was working
- The two men started to fight, there was a power outage, a shot was heard, and the lawyer was found dead.
- The butler was with the maid at the time of the shooting

Specific Details

- **The meeting took place at midnight**
- **The lawyer kept a loaded gun under his pillow**
- **The butler had knowledge of the gun and had been embezzling funds from the lawyer for several years**
- **The lawyer and the maid were romantically involved**

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Analysis of the crime

- Reconstruction of the crime performed on location. All participants were present
- Critical timing measured during re-enactment
- The butler went to fetch the gun when he heard a fight start in the smoking room.
- The butler shot the lawyer through the key-hole
- The maid gave him a false alibi

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Trial

- **The butler was a former spy from Iceland**
- **The butler had lost his retirement money in the stock market**
- **The butler used the fight between the two men to kill the lawyer.**
- **He intended to kill the visitor as well, but was stopped by a power outage**
- **The maid confessed she wasn't with the butler when the gun was shot**

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- **The butler did it, with the victim's gun**
- **He had serious motives**
- **The maid was his accomplice**
- **Both went to jail**

Conclusions and further thoughts

- **Crime does not pay**
- **If you have a good idea for a patent, don't go visiting lawyers in the dead of the night**