Bank Robbery Mystery

**Task:** The First National Bank of Minnetonka, Minnesota, was robbed of $1,000,000. Students are to discover what person(s) did it.

**Answer Key:** The Ellingtons collaborated to rob the bank, Miss Ellington supplying the front door key (borrowed from Mr. Greenbags) and Howard supplying the dynamite. Greenbags had already left for Brazil when the robbery took place. Mr. Smith was in Dogwalk on the night of the robbery. Dirsey Flowers was at the home of Anastasia's parents. The Ellingtons were lying when they tried to implicate Smith. There was no evidence that Arthur Nodough was connected with the robbery in any way.

**Clues:** These clues should be printed out and cut into individual clues on separate pieces of paper.

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bank had closed at 5:00 p.m. the previous day.

Miss Margaret Ellington, a teller at the bank, discovered the robbery.

The vault of the bank had been blasted open by dynamite.

The president of the bank, Mr. Albert Greenbags, left before the robbery

was discovered. He was arrested by authorities at the Mexico City

airport at noon on Friday, November 12.

The president of the bank had been having trouble with his wife, who

spent all of his money. He had frequently talked of leaving her.

The front door of the bank had been opened with a key.

The only keys to the bank were held by the janitor and the president of

the bank.

Miss Ellington often borrowed the president's key to open the bank early

when she had an extra amount of work to do.

A strange, hippie-type person had been hanging around the bank on

Thursday, November 11, watching employees and customers.

A substantial amount of dynamite had been stolen from the Acme

Construction Company on Wednesday, November 10.

An Acme employee, Howard Ellington, said that a hippie had been

hanging around the construction company on Wednesday afternoon.

The hippie-type character, whose name was Dirsey Flowers and who

had recently dropped out of Southwest Arkansas State Teachers College,

was found by police in East Birdwatch, about ten miles from

Minnetonka.

Dirsey Flowers was carrying $500 when police apprehended him and

had thrown a package into the river as the police approached.

Anastasia Wallflower of East Birdwatch, Wisconsin, said that she had

bought $500 worth of genuine Indian love beads from Dirsey Flowers

for resale in her boutique in downtown East Birdwatch.

Anastasia said that Dirsey had spent the night of November 11th at the

home of her parents and left after a pleasant breakfast on the morning of

the 12th.

When police tried to locate the janitor of the bank, Elwood Smith, he

had apparently disappeared.

Miss Ellington stated that her brother Howard, when strolling to Taylor's

Diner for coffee about 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, had seen

Mr. Smith running from the bank.

Mr. Smith was found by the FBI in Dogwalk, Georgia, on November 12.

He had arrived there via Southern Airlines Flight 414 at 5:00 p.m. on the

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The airline clerk confirmed the time of Smith's arrival.

Mr. Greenbags was the only person who had a key to the vault.

There were no planes out of Dogwalk between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

In addition to keeping payroll records, Mr. Ellington was in charge of

the dynamite supplies of the Acme Construction Company.

Mr. Greenbag's half-brother, Arthur Nodough, had always been jealous

of his brother.

Nodough always got drunk on Friday nights. Arthur Nodough appeared

in Chicago on Monday, November 8, waving a lot of money.

Arthur wanted to marry Camelia Smith.

Miss Ellington said that Smith had often flirted with her.

Mr. Smith's father, a gold prospector in Alaska, had died in September.

Mr. Greenbags waited in the terminal at O'Hare Field in Chicago for 16

hours because of engine trouble on the plane he was to take to Mexico

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