

CRIME NOUNS



1. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

case • crime scene • evidence •
fingerprints • motive • victim • witness

1. The witnesses had to give _____ at the murder trial.
2. Fortunately, the _____ of the attack didn't receive a serious injury.
3. The suspect's _____ were all over the weapon.
4. I was a _____ to the mugging. I saw exactly what happened.
5. We couldn't go into the house after the burglary because it was a _____.
6. Nobody knew why the attack had happened. There was no _____.
7. Detectives are working on a complicated _____ of internet fraud at the moment.

CRIMES

2. Read the comments and complete the names of the crimes.

1. I was in town when a woman attacked me and stole my handbag.
2. They've broken some benches in the park and sprayed graffiti on the fountain.
3. I'll publish some photos of you unless you pay me a lot of money.
4. She was standing at the bus stop when someone took her purse out of her pocket and ran off.
5. Members of the gang were printing copies of €100 banknotes.
6. The man was driving at 150 km/h!
7. That woman has just put something in her bag and left the shop without paying for it.
8. They discovered some people who were bringing plants illegally into the country.
9. Some men broke into our house last night and stole the TV.



EXTRA VOCABULARY

3. Match the words in the box to the definitions.

court • defendant • jury • offender • peers • trial



1. An examination of evidence to decide if someone is guilty or not.
2. Someone who commits a crime.
3. A group of people who listen to a trial and decide if someone is guilty or not.
4. People who are the same age as you.
5. The place where a trial takes place.
6. The person in a trial who is accused of committing a crime.

4. Read the newspaper stories. Write the crimes using the vocabulary you learnt in exercise 2.

Police have managed to find 21-year-old Charlotte Colstein two weeks after she went missing. Her father, Robert Colstein, the millionaire owner of several media companies, informed the police after receiving an anonymous phone call.

1

Border security officials have arrested two Brazilian women trying to bring a rare snake into Britain. The two-metre boa constrictor was asleep in one of the women's bags.

2

Michelle Sanders, who lost her bag in the High Street area on Saturday, has since discovered that another 'Michelle Sanders' has bought goods, opened bank accounts and ordered official documents.

3

The letter mentioned certain photos and asked for a large sum of money. The man's wife, whose name we cannot give for legal reasons, found the letter and contacted the police.

4

In two separate cases in the Hallgarth area, residents came home on Saturday night to broken windows and doors with the loss of TVs, laptops and jewellery.

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