



## **Case 4 : Silence in the Nursery**

On a quiet afternoon, in a peaceful residential neighbourhood where nothing unusual ever seemed to happen, a chilling discovery shattered the calm inside a small family home. Two-month-old Mia was found unresponsive in her nursery, a room that had been filled with lullabies, soft toys, and the promise of a new life only weeks earlier. There was one broken window in Mia's room but no clear evidence of an outsider, and yet something about the scene felt deeply unsettling. At the time of the incident, Mia's father Mathew was away at work, leaving the house occupied by her mother Rosilyn, her six-year-old brother Noah, and a babysitter who had been hired to help care for the newborn. What should have been an ordinary day quickly turned into a complex and mysterious investigation. With conflicting statements, unanswered questions, and several possible explanations, investigators were left facing a disturbing puzzle

what really happened inside that house when no one else was watching?

### **Forensic findings**

The forensic examination revealed no major external injuries on Mia's body, but mild pressure marks were observed around the neck and upper chest, suggesting that her breathing may have been restricted. The estimated time of death was approximately 30–45 minutes before the babysitter arrived, placing the incident within the period when only the family members were inside the house. Small fibers from the baby blanket were found near Mia's nose and mouth, indicating that the blanket may have covered her face at some point. Investigators also noted that one of the nursery windows was broken, raising the possibility of forced entry, although there were no clear signs that an intruder had actually entered the house. Fingerprints on the crib and rocking chair mostly belonged to household members, and toxicology reports showed no traces of drugs or harmful substances.

### **Statements of the suspects**

Suspect Statement Cards

Mathew (Father)

“I left for work around 9 a.m. like I usually do. Mia was asleep in her nursery when I left, and Rosilyn was taking care of her. Work was normal all afternoon. I only came home after I received the phone call from the babysitter saying something terrible had happened. I had gone into the nursery earlier that morning before leaving, but I definitely wasn’t home during the afternoon.”

Rosilyn (Mother)

With distressed and uncomfortable look mother kept on saying ‘I needed to save my child...’i needed to save my child. She said nothing else. She just kept crying and saying Mia’s name.

Noah (Older Sibling – 6 years old)

“I was playing with my toys in the hallway. I drew a picture earlier because I wanted to show it to Mia. Mommy told me the baby was sleeping so I didn’t stay in the room for long.”

Babysitter

“I arrived at the house around my usual time in the afternoon. The front door was unlocked and the house was quiet. When I walked in, the nursery door was slightly open. I went inside to check on Mia and that’s when I realized something was terribly wrong. And in a moment of panic my bracelet caught onto the crib and broke.”

## Questions

1. What does Noah painting indicate?

Ans : Sibling jealousy or hatred towards mia

2. According to you, who was the last person to see Mia alive?

Ans: The mother is the last person to see Mia alive

3. What is Rosilyn trying to convey through her journal?

Ans: Journal depicts her severe mental health disorders

4. Does Sarah’s story about the broken bracelet seem plausible?

Ans: Sarah’s statements were true and plausible

5. Do you think Mathew lied about his whereabouts?

Ans: No he did not lie about his whereabouts

6. Do you think Rosilyn and Mathew’s marriage was a happy one?

Ans: No, because rosilyn was definitely suffering from severe postpartum issues which is mainly caused by low support from the spouse.

7. Do you think there was a forced entry and why?

Ans: There was no actual forced entry , the broken window was because of a bird. ( Extra info (the clue was clearly shown under the window, there was a feather along with the shards of glass) )

8. Which suspect had the most opportunity to be alone in the house with Mia? Ans: Her mother and brother

9. Who, according to you, was responsible for Mia's death?

Ans: Rosilyn, The mother is the killer

10. What was the final incriminating piece of evidence?

Ans: A small piece of red fabric fibre was stuck at a corner of the crib which was the mother's dupatta fabric ( the family photo in the crime scene clearly shows mother is the owner of the red dupatta because she was wearing a red dupatta in it