

SEALED FILE

ENVELOPE A

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*Was it an accident? If not, in what time window did
Silas Wren die?*

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IT WAS MURDER

Silas Wren did not fall by accident. The Medical Examiner found **two** separate round fractures on the back of his skull, each about 2.5 cm across — not the pattern of a fall. His last log entry, “Lamp checked,” is at **23:30**. The clockwork had to be wound at 01:30. It never was: a full winding lasts about four hours and ten minutes, so the lamp wound at 21:30 ran down shortly before the Kittiwake reported it dark at 01:52.

Silas Wren was killed between **11:30 PM** and **1:30 AM**.

If your window started at the 11:10 boat sighting or ended when the lamp went dark (about 1:40–1:52), count it as correct.

Also note the small unlit boat he logged at 23:10. The new documents follow.

Item	Description	Where found
1	Blood smear, approx. 8 cm	Iron rail, third landing from bottom (of six)
2	Footprints outlined in dried salt and sand, leather sole with heel, approx. size 11 men's. Mrs. Wren and Dep. Merritt both wore rubber boots.	Stair treads, landings 1-4, leading up from the tower door (the ledge-side door)
3	Brass blazer button, anchor design, stamped "J. PRESS · NEW HAVEN"	Floor of third landing
4	Winding crank, cast iron, approx. 2.5 cm round boss on handle	Third landing, against the rail (normally on its hook in the lamp room)
5	Victim's boots, rubber, size 9	On victim

Collected by Dep. Merritt. Items 1-4 noted but not submitted to the M.E.

I come on at nine. The gentleman in Number 4 came down about 9:30 pm in his coat and said he was going for a walk to clear his head. I didn't see him come back before I dozed off at the desk.

I woke up when the door went, a little after two. It was him. His trousers were wet up to the knee and he went straight upstairs without a word.

He'd asked for a call at six. I rang up at 6:00 am and he answered straight away.

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THE ANCHOR — BAR TAB AND STATEMENT

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Tab #	Name	Opened	Closed	Total
211	T. Wren	19:05	01:12	\$14.60 (unpaid)

Bartender, J. Doucette: Tommy was on that stool all night, playing cribbage with the Pettengill boy. He went out back to the head once or twice, that's all — five minutes. I put the lights up at ten past one and threw them all out.

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WESCOTT MARINE & FUEL — SKIFF RENTAL LEDGER

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Date	Boat	Name / phone	Out	In	Paid
10/11	#2 14' Evinrude	R. Cote / local	06:00	13:30	\$12
10/13	#3 14' Evinrude	E. Lawson / (617) 555-0148	21:40	01:40	\$20 cash + \$50 dep.
10/14	#1 16' Johnson	Albee / Harbor Inn	10:00	15:00	\$15

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WESCOTT MARINE & FUEL — FUEL DOCK SLIPS

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Date	Time	Vessel	Gal.	Paid
10/13	16:50	F/V Kittiwake	60 diesel	acct.
10/13	22:05	Rental #3	6 mixed	cash
10/14	10:10	Rental #1	5 mixed	cash

A fellow came down the float about twenty to ten wanting a skiff for the night. I told him the ferry was done and he said he had business on the water. Paid cash, left a fifty deposit, and wrote down a name and a Boston number.

Tall. City shoes — I remember thinking he'd ruin them. He took on six gallons at the pump and went out past the breakwater with no running lights, which I called after him about.

He brought the skiff back at twenty to two, soaked to the knee. Took his deposit and walked off up the hill toward the inn.

COASTAL BOAT WORKS • PORT WESCOTT

Vessel	Sally B (D. Brody)
Hauled	10/10/79
Work	Pull engine, replace head gasket, paint bottom
Launched	10/20/79

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Ms. Sorensen,

This confirms your assignment to evaluate Tern Point Light for automation during October. Please observe the station's operation quietly and without identifying yourself to the keeper. Report by November 1.