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
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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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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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