

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Director's Notes:

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On September 16th at 1:21:19am the internal security system of Southnorthern University's Tritton building lost power for 3 minutes. Because of the biohazardous nature of the samples in Henderson Lab, the FBI was immediately notified of the failure, and made it to the scene at approximately 1:34am. As feared, a test tube containing a high-risk sample was missing from the Henderson Lab and is presumed stolen.

Throughout the evening, the external building security system remained online. After reviewing external security cameras and door logs, no person entered or left Tritton from when the security system failed until when the FBI arrived. At 1:34am, everyone inside the building as well as key researchers elsewhere were taken into FBI custody for interviews. The suspects were thoroughly searched and none possessed the sample on their person. The sample is therefore believed to be still located within the Tritton building.

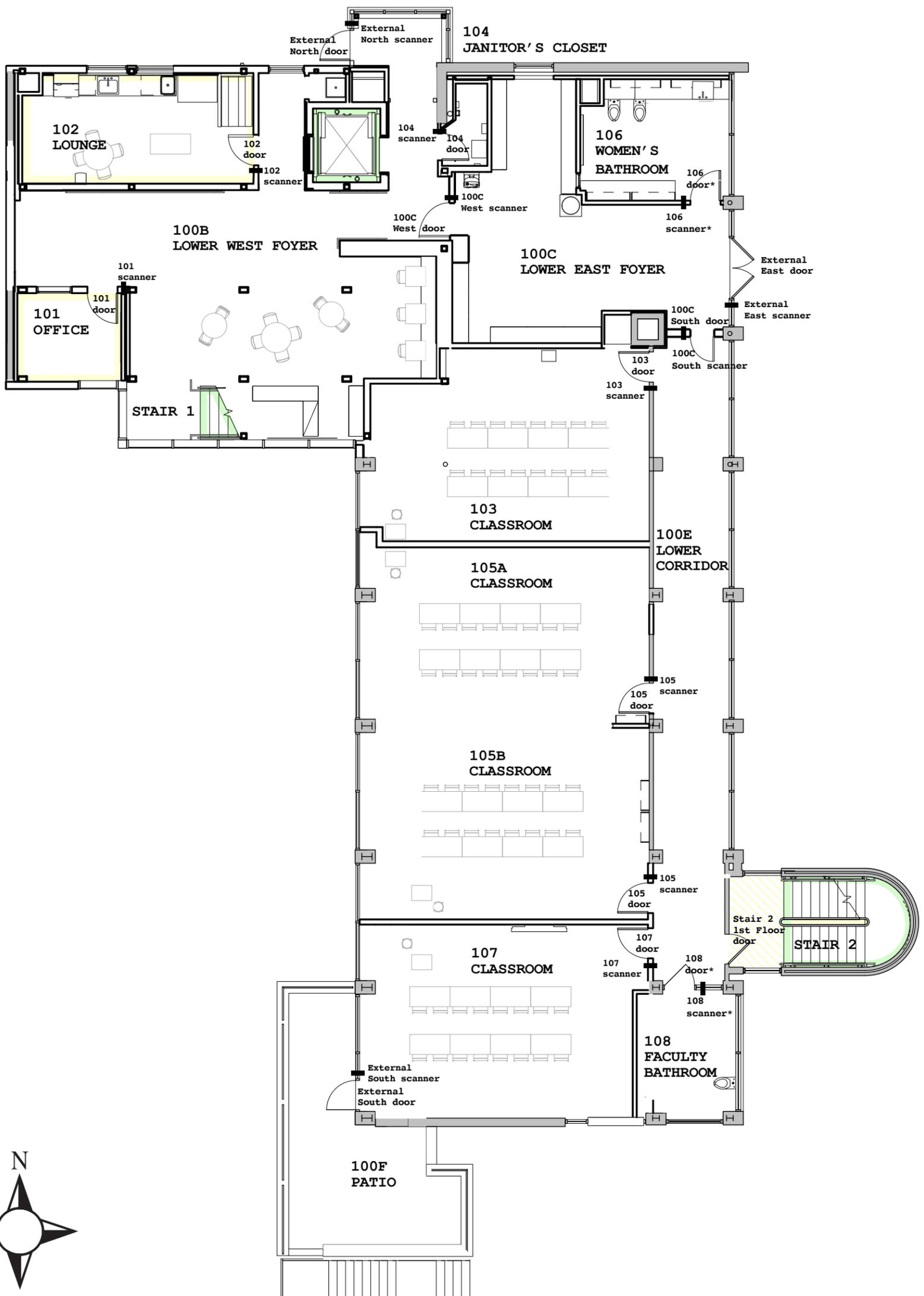
The internal security system records the opening and closing of room doors and the staff ID scanners that unlock these doors. While not every door in the building has an ID scanner, the opening and closing of every door inside the building is recorded. The only exception is the restrooms: they have card scanners, but for privacy reasons the system does not record their doors opening or closing, or the identity of authorized personnel scanning into them. While the security system was down, anyone could have opened internal doors without scanning an ID, and the system would have no record of it.

The internal security system logged an exit from room 205 just as the system came back online. This is presumed to be the thief leaving the crime scene, so whoever exited room 205 at 1:24am must therefore be the guilty party.

I recommend starting with reconstructing events around the theft using the security logs, as these events will likely shed light on the case.

Extra notes:

One thing is certain: someone is lying about their whereabouts during the theft. Everyone has a motive to steal the sample. Remember your training. Your job isn't to figure out who's suspicious, it's to determine who could not have stolen the sample. Once you've eliminated the impossible, whoever remains must be guilty. Find the thief.

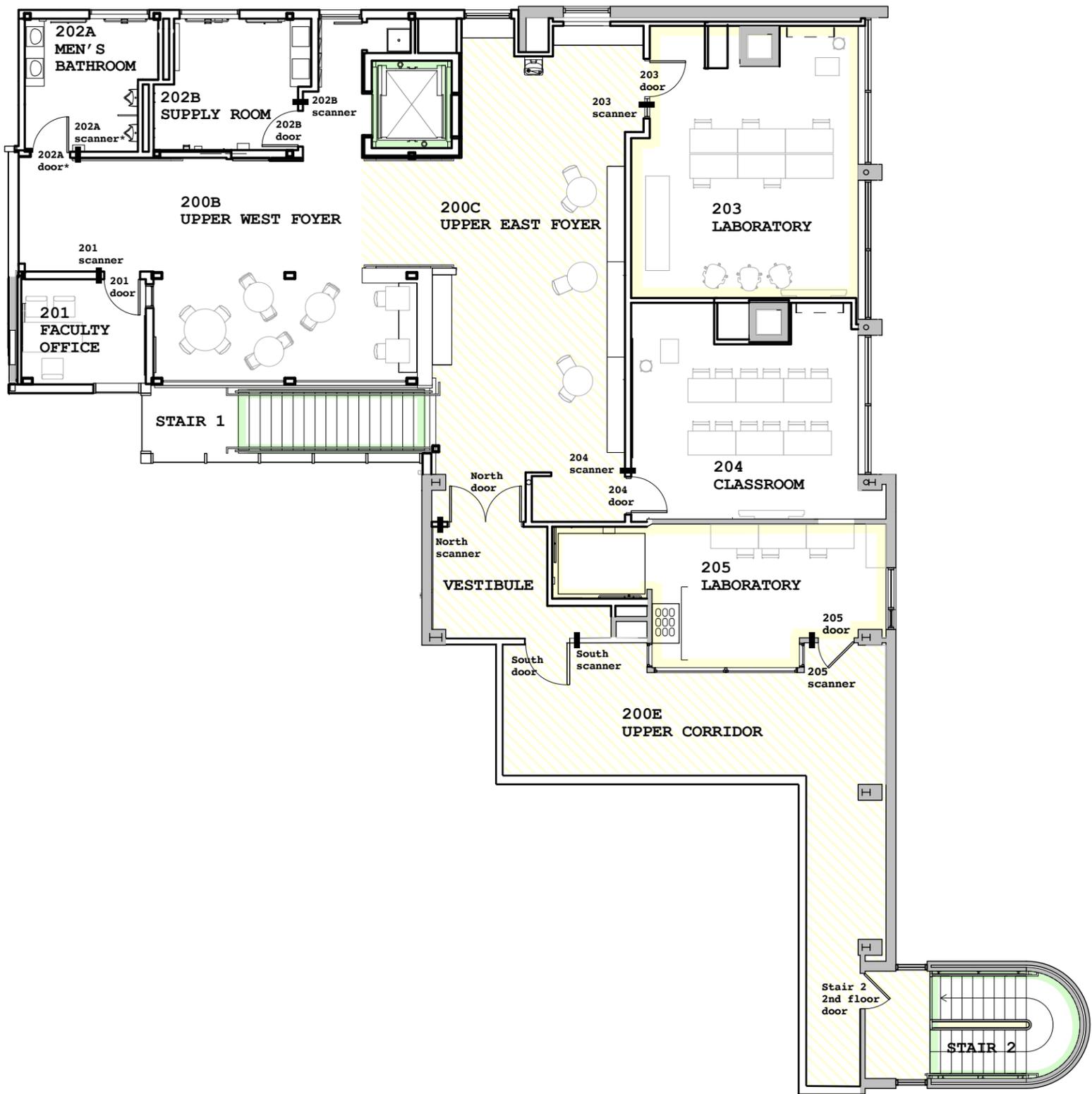


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Officer Riley Emerson

Officer Emerson is a private security guard who has the midnight to 6:00am shift guarding the high-risk biological samples in Tritton 205.

SNU ID NUMBER:

SN44539E

Interrogation Transcript:

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FBI: Please recount the events of last night.

Emerson: I got to the building around five minutes to midnight, and went up-stairs. I guarded the door of room 205 and played some games on my phone.

FBI: Did you ever leave your post?

Emerson: I... erm... yes, once. The cell reception outside 205 is bad so at 1:20am I went to the Upper Foyer to check my email.

FBI: Tell me what happened while you were in the Foyer.

Emerson: The outage happened, and the doors started beeping. Alex popped out of 203 to check what was going on. We spoke for a minute in the Upper Foyer, then I realized that the samples might be in danger, so I jogged back to my position.

FBI: Did anything else happen?

Emerson: The security system came back online as I got to the vestibule, so I had to swipe through. I thought I heard something down the hall so I went down the stairs—Stair 2, I think. I looked down the Lower Corridor on the first floor but there was nobody there and there was definitely nobody in the stairwell either, so I returned to my post. Then you showed up.

FBI: Final question... could anyone have passed through the Upper Foyer to get into the room 205 corridor during the internal security system outage?

Emerson: Absolutely not. I was either in the Upper Corridor or in the Upper East Foyer all night.

FBI: Okay. Please let me know if you remember anything more.

Emerson: Wait! I forgot to mention that Alex did pass by me a couple of times while I was outside room 205. Probably around 1:00am she walked past me and went down the stairs—Stair 2. Then she came back up for a second, immediately went back downstairs, and then came back up again a few minutes later. I thought it was a little strange at the time.

FBI: Thank you, Officer Emerson. That's all.

officer Emerson made a lapse in judgment, but we can corroborate his timeline and he is a trustworthy guard. Treat his account as fact.

— the Director

Alex Smith

Alex Smith is an assistant professor working with Sam Henderson.

SNU ID NUMBER:

SN60095A

Interrogation Transcript:

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FBI: Please explain your job and what you were doing in the Tritton building last night.

Smith: I'm an assistant professor working with Sam. I maintain experiments with low-risk biological samples. No global pandemics, the walking dead, anything like that. I arrived at the building around quarter past midnight, and went straight upstairs to the lab-room 203.

FBI: What happened after that?

Smith: Unloading and observation. Nothing happened between then and the beeping at 1:20, but you'd be surprised at how much note-taking is required to describe "nothing happening".

FBI: Okay. What was the beeping at 1:20?

Smith: I didn't know, so I poked my head out of the lab door. Officer Emerson was in the Foyer looking alarmed. He told me to stay put and ran through the Upper Vestibule back towards room 205. When I returned to 203, the beeping had stopped. Is Officer Emerson okay?

FBI: He's just fine. Was that all that happened last night?

Smith: At one point I went to the bathroom. This building has pretty good amenities! Did you know the faculty bathroom is huge and has a freaking bathtub—and it requires card-swipe entry? I headed to the restroom around 1:00am, through the Vestibule and down the stairs. When I got there I couldn't find my ID, so I ran back upstairs and almost asked Officer Emerson if he could swipe me in, completely forgetting he can't swipe into the faculty bathroom—only professors can.

FBI: Did you find a solution to your problem?

Smith: I searched my pockets again and found my ID. I had needed it to get through the Vestibule so it was stupid to think that I had forgotten it. Anyway, then I went back to 203.

FBI: Thank you Alex. Should you remember anything else, let me know.

Sam Henderson

Sam Henderson is the Director of Henderson Laboratory, from which the missing sample was stolen.

SNU ID NUMBER:

SN46202F

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Interrogation Transcript:

FBI: Please explain your job and what you were doing last night.

Henderson: I'm the Director of Henderson Laboratory, and our current research involves studying biohazardous materials, as you know. I went home at around 9:30pm last night, and was asleep by 11pm... until you woke me up.

FBI: Jordan Roberts was in the building at the time we suspect the sample disappeared. Tell us about him.

Henderson: Jordan has very, um, interesting research methods, and his work ethic is mediocre. He definitely doesn't have what it takes to work in my lab.

FBI: What can you tell us about Taylor Williams?

Henderson: Taylor is a researcher in my lab. I'm not sure he is committed to excellence, which is what my lab requires. We have had some very difficult conversations... Do you think you'll recover the sample?

FBI: Yes, we believe the sample is somewhere inside the building. Our best investigators are on it.

Henderson left the building several hours prior to security breach and he didn't return, as external door logs and security cameras confirm.
- the Director

Taylor Williams

Taylor Williams is a researcher working under Sam Henderson.

SNU ID NUMBER:

SN89130G

Interrogation Transcript:

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FBI: Please explain your job and what you were doing in Tritton last night.

Williams: I'm Henderson's second in command, and I'd finished up some lab work earlier in the evening. The WiFi at my apartment is suuuuuper slow, so I stayed late in the lounge-room 102-in Tritton to work on a journal article.

FBI: Tell us about what happened when the security system went down.

Williams: Doors started beeping, but I just increased the volume on my headphones and carried on. Henderson keeps me busy and I barely can find the time to sleep.

FBI: Tell us about more about what it is like to work at Henderson Lab.

Williams: What do you want to know? It's a prestigious job to work for Henderson Lab, and part of that is a punishing amount of work.

FBI: What do you know about the reputation of Jordan Roberts?

Williams: I know his research is not well funded, but I've heard good things about his work.

FBI: Please let us know if you remember anything else that may be relevant to our investigation.

Jordan Roberts

Jordan Roberts is a graduate student with an office in the Tritton building.

SNU ID NUMBER:

SN55273F

Interrogation Transcript:

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FBI: Please explain your job and what you were doing in the Tritton building last night.

Roberts: I'm a doctoral candidate and my office is in Tritton. I went back to my office to look over my grant proposal one final time before sending it in today-when I get that grant I'll be able to do interesting and exciting research like Henderson.

FBI: Can you walk us through what happened last night when you returned to the office?

Roberts: Fine, fine. Well, I left the building in the evening, but late last night I decided I needed to check on the grant proposal.

FBI: What happened after you got back to the Tritton building?

Roberts: I went to my office to work and then at around 1:20am all the doors in the hall started beeping, and I heard my door unlock! The whole place was vulnerable! Anyone could have come into my office.

FBI: Let's get back to the timeline.

Roberts: That's all that happened. I spent the rest of the time in my office, thinking about who could have stolen research from my office if I hadn't been in the building.

FBI: Thank you for your cooperation, Jordan. Please let us know if there is anything else you remember about the events of last night.

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Agents have analyzed the security system logs to reconstruct each suspect's movements and locations at the start of the security system outage. These locations are highlighted in yellow on the Building Floor Plans. While the security system was out, all doors were unlocked and anyone could have moved around the building without leaving a trace.

ID SN44539E - Officer Riley Emerson - At the beginning of the outage Officer Emerson was in the Upper East Foyer.

ID SN60095A - Alex Smith - At the beginning of the outage Smith was in room 203.

ID SN46202F - Sam Henderson - At the beginning of the outage Henderson was not in the building.

ID SN89130G - Taylor Williams - At the beginning of the outage Williams was in room 102.

ID SN55273F - Jordan Roberts - At the beginning of the outage Roberts was in room 101.

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Below, the actual internal security system logs for during and just after the outage have been provided. The security system, when online, records when doors open, when doors close, and when personnel use their ID cards on a scanner to unlock a door.

Time	ID	Event
01:21:19		SECURITY SYSTEM POWER INTERRUPTED
01:24:08		SECURITY SYSTEM POWER RESTORED
01:24:08		205 WARNING SAMPLE MISSING
01:24:13		205 door close
01:24:15	remerson	Upper Vestibule North ID scanned
01:24:17		Upper Vestibule North door open
01:24:21		Stair 2 2nd Floor door open
01:24:24		Upper Vestibule North door close
01:24:24	remerson	Upper Vestibule South ID scanned
01:24:26		Upper Vestibule South door open
01:24:28		Stair 2 2nd floor door close
01:24:29		Stair 2 1st floor door open
01:24:33		Upper Vestibule South door close
01:24:36		Stair 2 1st floor door close
01:24:45		Stair 2 2nd floor door open
01:24:52		Stair 2 2nd floor door close
01:24:53		Stair 2 1st floor door open
01:25:00		Stair 2 1st floor door close
01:25:02		Stair 2 1st floor door open
01:25:09		Stair 2 1st floor door close
01:25:19		Stair 2 2nd floor door open
01:25:26		Stair 2 2nd floor door close

I've circled officer Emerson's logs in green and the thief's in red. I suggest starting by reconstructing the theft according to the logs.
 -the director