1 INT: CHESS COMPETITION HALL DAY - MID DAY:

The room is dark. A large crowd is facing a table with a complete, traditional chess board in the middle of the stage. Spotlights turn on from the back of the Hall.

2 INT POLICE STATION - MID DAY:

CHARLIE HULME (The DI intelligent, unorganised) is in his messy office, books cover his desk, paper sprawled across the desk. The DI, in his office, looking in his desk mirror, buttons up his bleach white, freshly ironed shirt, proceeding to button up incorrectly.

3 INT CHESS MATCH HALL - MID DAY:

The competitors are at the top of the stands where the audience is seated. The competitors walk down wooden steps encasing the sides of the stand. In the centre of the classical wooden-floored stage-converted match area. lit by a single spot light in the centre of the ceiling. The spotlights switch on to reveal the competitors pulling their chairs back to sit down. FREDRICK GOODMAN (55, quiet and alone) as white, first to move, SAMUEL BROOKES (Age 37, cocky and egotistical) as Black.

SAMUEL BROOKS

(to Fredderick Goodman, presents as sure of himself)

 May the best player win. Although, I think we know who that will be… old man!

Frederick looks, compassionless, at Samuel. Within a split second, A horn of indication to start the game goes off. Fredrick swiftly moves forward to the board and selects his king's pawn.

4 INT POLICE STATION - MID DAY:

Charlie is looking into the desk mirror, tying his old, fraying, Emerald Green tie. Charlie struggles after one attempt, tries another time and leaves it with a scruffy, unprofessional look.

5 INT CHESS MATCH HALL - MID DAY:

An overview of the chess board. Our competitors and playing quickly as they hit the chess timer at the end of each turn, moving their pieces with precision. They take each other's pieces one by one, the pieces remaining are scarce. Fredrick Goodman begins to sweat and turn red in the face.

6 INT POLICE STATION - MID DAY:

Charlie approaches a scrabble board, sitting amongst the books and files strewn across the desk in his office. He pauses momentarily and slowly places the word ‘Murder’

He looks across the room at a brown suit blazer. which is on the floor screwed up. He puts the blazer on with speed and places a pen, notebook and a book of jokes into his pocket, the collar of his blazer has one side of the blazer up whilst the other is side down looking rather untidy.

7 INT CHESS MATCH HALL - MID DAY:

One of Fredrick Goodman’s pieces is taken as he reaches for a piece to move, he collapses to the floor with a dramatic thud. The onlookers gasp in unison as he falls. Goodman is now dead.

8 INT POLICE STATION - DUSK:

Charlie, sitting at his old messy desk, recives a phone call. rustling through his paper sprawled across the desk searching for the phone. He finally finds the phone and picks it up, holding it to his ear.

Charlie Hulme

Hello, Detective Hulme here.

The DI (whilst on the call) gets notified about the death of Fredrick Goodman.

Charlie Hulme

I am on my way now.

Charlie puts down the phone.

9 EXT - CHESS MATCH BUILDING - DUSK:

A cloudy but slightly sunny day. The DI is with his investigative team interrogating the audience at the event during the death of Fredrick Goodman.

CHARLIE HULME

(Directed towards person interrogating)

Okay, thank you.

(Pulls pen to paper and writes something down)

The DI turns around to DORATHY MURDOCK (one of the police team members) waiting for him to finish his conversation.

DORATHY MURDOCK

Good Morning sir, I have spoken to some of the guests and no-one seems to know what had happened as not a single person approached Mr Goodman during their match. Not even the day before!

CHARLIE HULME:

(tapping his chin)

Hmmm.

DORATHY MURDOCK

Do you think it could have been suicide detective?

CHARLIE HULME

No, something isn’t right. Why would a perfectly healthy man with a great history and a hefty amount of money in the bank just suddenly kill himself?

DORATHY MURDOCK

(Inquisitive)

So you do think it was a murder detective?

CHARLIE HULME

That is exactly what I am thinking of, Dorathy.

In runs officer JAMES EVANS gasping for breath in his police uniform which has one side of his shirt tucked out and his hat on sideways.

JAMES EVANS

(Out of breath)

Sorry I’m late detective. I got here as fast as I could, my car wouldn’t start! I had to run from the police station.

CHARLIE HULME

(laughs at ‘didn't need you after all))

Oh no worries James, we were just finishing up here and about to head back to the police station now, so, we didn’t need you after all!

James Evans gives a sigh and disappointed look

8 INT POLICE STATION (Main Room) - MID DAY (BECOMING AFTERNOON):

A whiteboard is in the middle of the room with pictures of all the people that had had contact with Fredrick Goodman within that past week with a series red string connecting each person and piece of information.

This includes:

* Mrs JANE GOODMAN (Wife of FG)
* Samuel Brooks
* SARAH GOODMAN (FGs daughter)
* BRADLEY NERWALL (Close friend to FG)

There are rows of desks around the room with PC’s and paperwork on them. There is a window open

CHARLIE HULME

(To the group)

These people have the closest relationship to our victim… (slap Fredrick Goodmans photo onto the centre of the board) Fredrick Goodman.

(CH turns to Kathleen)

Now, Kathleen, can you please tell us what you have found out about these people?

Kathleen Smith

Yes detective.

Kathleen grabs a file with paper inside with details on the suspects.

Kathleen Smith

(pointing at each subject she talks about and slapping the board with a stick on each person's face)

So, to begin with, Jane Goodman. Jane is a famous chef and model, she has own cooking channel which airs live every saturday at 4pm…She has modelled for a few magazines including fashion and makeup most popular with teen girls She is also a part time caretaker for the local retirement centre when she has spare time.

Next, we have Samuel Brooks.

Samuel is the newest champion of the worldwide chess competition and was our victim's opponent today.Although very skilled at chess, he does not spend a lot of his time practising. In fact, he is quite party and alcohol orientated. He seems to use large sums of money on gambling and paying for people's drinks at local bars.

The file says that Samuel recently lost lots of his money due to a recent incident where he invested in a company that ended up bankrupt within three months.

Third on our list we have Sarah Goodman, Fredricks Daughter.

Sarah is currently in university and is studying law. She was renting a flat but she fell short on some payments and her landlord ended up evicting her , forcing her to go back and liev with her parents.

She currently works for a restaurant as a waiter but she is thinking about quitting her job… reason… unknown.

Last on our list we have Bradley Nerwall.

Bradley is an old friend from collegeBradley says that Fredrick, despite his quiet nature, was a rather nice soul and didn’t seem like the kind of person to kill himself

What Bradley failed to tell us is that he has had some criminal records before involving some hit and runs and because of these he was massively in debt and needed a way to get money fast… payments made? Unknown…

CHARLIE HULME

Thank you Kathleen. Now for the best result I think we should head back to the crime scene and analyse what had happened 30 minutes ago.