

# Billy King Murder

## Investigation Pack

**Case Name:** Billy King, Ballycultra

**Main investigating Officer:** Sergeant O'Leary

You are the assistant investigator on this case! There are clues and people you need to speak to all over Ballycultra town. Some of the leg work Sgt O'Leary has already done for you and noted down in this booklet, but there is other information he needs you to find out and then solve the mystery of 'Who Killed Billy King?'.  
Ask questions and keep your eyes wide open for clues!

### Tea Lane - home of Billy and Sadie King

Your first port of call should be Tea Lane, that's where Billy King lived. He worked in the Harland and Wolff shipyard as a labourer since he was 16 while Sadie, his wife worked in RJ Sloane's Dressmakers shop. Sadie should be in the house now getting ready for his funeral. If you get to speak to her you could ask her a few questions:

1 *When did you last see your husband?* \_\_\_\_\_

2 *Did you know of anyone who didn't like Billy?* \_\_\_\_\_

### Tea Lane and Carpenters - Cuthbert Thorne

Cuthbert is the local undertaker and also owns the Carpenters. He is quite an interesting character. Especially with death being his business and all so would be worth talking to. He filed a complaint against Billy a few months back. The main report's in the RIC barracks but in it Cuthbert accused Billy of breaking into the Carpenters and stealing tools and wood. Nothing ever happened though as nothing could be proved but Cuthbert has hated Billy ever since!

*Is there anything in the Carpenters he could have used to kill Billy?  
It would have to be big and heavy!*

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### Bank and The Diamond - Ellen Mills

Ellen is the daughter of the Bank Manager and spends a lot of time out and about in the Diamond so you might be able to talk to her there. She chats to lots of people and because Billy was found just outside her house she might have seen something. There's a rumour in the town that Billy once told her a big secret so it might be worth talking to her or have a look in the bank and see if you can see any clues about this secret!

*What is the secret? :*

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### Post Office - Ruby Dalzell

Ruby moved over to Ballycultra over 20 years ago and about 4 years has passed since her husband died and she took over the running of the Post Office. She knows a lot about everyone, one of the perks of working in the Post Office so it might be worthwhile talking to her if you can

1 *Did you know Billy King?* \_\_\_\_\_

2 *Did he and his wife get on well?* \_\_\_\_\_

Have a look around the post office too! Ruby sometimes has a habit of leaving telegrams about so it might give us some good clues!

*Telegram clues:*

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### Church of Ireland Graveyard - Edward Spence

Edward is the local gravedigger! He knew Billy as they used to bet together in McCusker's Public House. There's a rumour that Billy owed Edward some money after losing so much and Edward was not best pleased about that!

*Look at the tally sheet in McCusker's Pub –  
was it a lot of money Billy owed Edward?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Church of Ireland - Revered Corbin**

Revered Corbin is the local minister of the Church of Ireland in Ballycultra, he might be difficult to find today as he is leading the funeral for Billy this afternoon. Edward Spence though might be able to fill you in on a bit more about the Rev. Corbin.

He is a local man too and was best friends with Sadie King when they were children, they basically grew up together. She's been quite sad lately though as this is his last week in Ballycultra before he emigrates to America. Everyone in the village commented to me though that he really didn't like Billy. I wonder why.

*Why did Rev. Corbin not like Billy? \_\_\_\_\_*

**Ballycultra Dispensary - Cora Wilson**

Cora and her husband own the local dispensary and she knows a lot about ailments and different medicines. Recently in Ballycultra there have been a lot of rats and mice around Tea Lane and Meeting Street so she also sells rat poison. She is quite good friends with Sadie and Sadie sometimes helps Cora in the Dispensary – looking after the shop when Cora's running messages.

*What dangerous substances can you see in the Dispensary?*

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*Could Sadie get access to poisons to kill Billy? \_\_\_\_\_*

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Suspects	Reason	Method
Sadie King		
Cuthbert Thorne		
Rev. Korbin		
Ruby Dalzell		
Edward Spence		

**Who did it and why?**

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