EVIDENCE PACK 1

#409 THE PHARMACY HEIST

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Date	7th September 2026
To	The Valoria Advisory Jury
From	Chief Inspector Miller, Valoria Police Department
Subject	Official Assignment - Case Dossier #409 (The Pharmacy Heist)

You have been officially commissioned to assist the Valoria High Court in the sentencing phase of Case #409.

On the night of **Friday, 4th September**, a break-in occurred at Chen's Pharmacy, resulting in the tragic death of the pharmacist, David Chen. The accused, 24-year-old **Alex Thorne**, was apprehended near the scene and has pleaded guilty to the charges. Because the accused has already confessed, a standard trial to prove guilt is not required. However, the Judge requires a complete behavioural and circumstantial profile of the incident before deciding on the appropriate punishment.

Your Assignment: Your task is to review the enclosed evidence dossier and submit a formal "Detective's Initial Report." You must examine the evidence carefully to separate the facts from local gossip.

Your report must formally document the following five areas:

1. **Nature of the Crime:** What exactly took place at the scene, and what was stolen?
2. **Background of the Accused:** What do we know about Alex Thorne's life, financial situation, and state of mind leading up to the event?
3. **The Motive:** Exactly why did Alex commit this crime?
4. **Aggravating Factors:** What specific details make this crime more serious or worse? (Think about: was it planned? What was the outcome? What was targeted?)
5. **Mitigating Factors:** What specific details might make the Judge feel more sympathetic, or suggest that Alex was forced into this situation? (Think about: were there outside threats? Did they intend to hurt anyone?)

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BELOVED PHARMACIST KILLED IN MIDNIGHT BREAK-IN

TRADEGY STRIKES IN THE CITY



The Valoria community is in shock today following the tragic death of 58-year-old David Chen, a much-loved local pharmacist.

At approximately 11:45 PM last night, a masked intruder broke into Chen's Pharmacy on Elm Street through a rear window.

Mr. Chen, who was working late to finish paperwork, surprised the intruder. Police report that a physical struggle took place, resulting in Mr. Chen being fatally injured after striking his head on the counter. The intruder fled the scene but was apprehended by police two blocks away.

Locals have flooded the street with flowers. "David was the kindest man," said one neighbour. "He knew everyone's name and always helped the elderly with their prescriptions. It is a senseless loss." David leaves behind a wife and two children.

WE WANT TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT WE BELIEVE THIS WAS A ONE OFF INCIDENT

Chief Inspector Millar
Valoria Police Department

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VALORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT: CRIME SCENE REPORT

REPORT INFORMATION			
Report Number	#409	Time Filed	23:55
Date Filed	04/09/2026	Agency	Valoria Central CID
Date Filed	05/09/2026	Reporting Officer	PC Davies
Case Status	☐ Open	☒ Under Investigation	☐ Closed

INCIDENT DETAILS			
Incident Type	Break In/ Theft/ Fatal Injury	Estimated Time	23:45
Date of Incident	04/09/2026	Location	Chen's Pharmacy, Elm Street, Valoria

REPORTING PERSON			
Full Name	Detective Hayes	Phone Number	01631 992409
Date of Birth	14/08/1982	Email Address	dhayes@valoriapolice.gov

INCIDENT SUMMARY

At approximately 23:45 on Friday, 4th September, an intruder forcibly entered Chen's Pharmacy via a smashed rear window. The suspect forced open the main medication safe using a crowbar, stealing high-value prescription painkillers. The store till containing £400+ was left untouched. During the break-in, a physical struggle occurred with the pharmacist, David Chen, who struck his head on the counter and suffered fatal injuries. Suspect Alex Thorne (24) was apprehended fleeing the scene at 23:59 carrying the stolen drugs.

WITNESS INFORMATION			
Witness Name	Gary T	Relationship	Bystander

Statement

"I was walking my dog near Elm Street around 11:45 PM and heard glass smashing followed by loud shouting inside the pharmacy. Seconds later, I saw a figure in a dark hoodie sprint down the side alley carrying a heavy black duffel bag."

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Suspect Alex Thorne has no prior criminal record and brought no weapons to the scene. Thorne made a full confession during initial questioning, stating the crime was committed under duress following violent threats against a family member over an unpaid £5,000 debt. Case referred to the Advisory Jury for sentencing profile.

Unknown Number

4th September

18.30

Time is up, Alex. We need the money by midnight tonight.

Please, give me one more week. I lost my job. I'm trying to find work.

Not our problem. You owe us £5,000. If you don't have the cash, get us something we can sell. We know the pharmacy on Elm Street has a shipment of painkillers. Get them

If you go to the police, we know where your little sister goes to school. Don't make us visit her.

Leave her out of this! I'll do it tonight. Just leave my family alone.

Data Extraction from Defendants Phone

Jamie

4th September

20.15

I want my stuff back. You are a complete loser, Alex.

Stop texting me, I have bigger problems tonight.

Whatever. I hope you end up in jail.

Data Extraction from Defendants Phone

VALORIA NATIONAL BANK

Account Holder: Alex Thorne
Statement Period 20th Aug - 4th Sept: 4092-8819-010

Period Statement

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21 Aug.	Valoria Properties (Rent)	Direct Debit	-£600
25 Aug.	Corner Shop Groceries.	Card	-£14.50
28 Aug.	ATM Cash Withdrawal	Card	-£250.00
31 Aug.	ATM Cash Withdrawal	Card	-£300.00
02 Sep	Unpaid Direct Debit	Fee	-£25.00
04 Sep	Unauthorised Overdraft	Fee	-£50.00

(OVERDRAFT LIMIT EXCEEDED - ACCOUNT FROZEN)

Valoria Jammers

Friday, 4th September 2026 at 11:52 PM · 🌐

Anyone know what's going on down on Elm Street? 👀 but there are like 4 police cars with lights flashing outside Chen's Pharmacy and the street is cordoned off! Looks serious...

Share 4th September

Gary Thomson Yeah, I was out walking the dog near Elm Street around 10 minutes ago. Heard glass smashing and loud shouting inside the pharmacy, then saw someone in a dark hoodie sprint down the alley carrying a heavy duffel bag. Probably that local gang of kids who keep spray-painting the bus stops!

Sarah MacDee Oh no, not David's pharmacy! I hope everyone is okay. I saw the sirens go past my window, count was at least 3 cars and an ambulance.

AvrilandJohn Smith Shared Dundee

Linda Brown I heard a rumour that David fired an employee last week for being late all the time. Maybe it was them coming back to get revenge and trash the place?

Mark Reid Gary, tagging a wall is completely different from breaking into a pharmacy at midnight. Those prescription painkillers in there are dangerous if they hit the streets. Whoever stole them knew exactly what they were doing.

John D-L Typical. Police are everywhere for this, but when my garden shed got broken into last month nobody even showed up! 🙄

#VALORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT: INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

Case dossier	#409: The Pharmacy Heist
Location	Valoria Central Police Headquarters, Interview Room 2
Date of interview	Saturday, 5th September 2026
Time	02:15 AM–02:45 AM
Interviewing officer	Detective Hayes (PC 402)
Suspect	Alex Thorne, age 24
Present	Duty Solicitor, M. Vance

##Transcript Record

Detective Hayes: This is Detective Hayes interviewing Alex Thorne regarding Case #409. The date is Saturday, 5th September 2026. Time is 02:15 AM. Alex, you have been read your rights and have elected to have legal representation present. Do you understand?

Alex Thorne: Yes. I understand.

Detective Hayes: Let's go through what happened last night - Friday, 4th September. At 11:45 PM, you smashed the rear glass door of Chen's Pharmacy on Elm Street with a brick. You went straight for the main drug safe behind the counter and forced it open using a crowbar. That shows preparation and intent, Alex. You brought tools.

Alex Thorne: I didn't bring any weapons! Check my bag, check the alley - I didn't have a knife, a gun, nothing! I watched the building from the alley for an hour beforehand. The lights were completely off. The sign said closed at 8:00 PM. I genuinely thought the building was completely empty. I never, ever intended to confront anyone.

Detective Hayes: But the building wasn't empty. David Chen, a 58-year-old local pharmacist, was working late in his back office finishing monthly accounts. He heard the glass break and came out to investigate. What happened next?

Alex Thorne: It was dark... I was shoving the boxes of painkillers into my duffel bag when the door burst open. Someone screamed at me. I panicked. I didn't even see who it was. I just wanted to get out. I pushed past him as hard as I could to reach the back exit. He... he tripped backwards and hit the sharp corner of the heavy wooden counter. I heard a horrible crack.

Detective Hayes: And instead of checking on him, calling an ambulance, or trying to help, you grabbed the bag of narcotics and ran. You left a husband and father dying on the floor.

Alex Thorne: I know! God, I know! I was terrified! I panicked! I check the news on my phone every five minutes... when I saw he died, I wanted to throw up. I am so, so sorry. I'm so sorry to his family. It was an accident. I swear on my life, I didn't want anyone to get hurt!

Detective Hayes: Let's talk about what was in that bag. You stole over £8,000 worth of class-A prescription painkillers- highly addictive controlled drugs. Yet you left the cash register completely untouched with over £400 sitting right there. You aren't an addict, Alex. We ran your drug screening and it came back completely clean. You have zero criminal record. So why steal high-grade narcotics?

Alex Thorne: I had no choice. I was forced into it.

Detective Hayes: Forced by whom?

Alex Thorne: A group of people. I lost my job two months ago, and my bank account got completely frozen - I was overdraft limit exceeded, -£1,450 in the red. I couldn't pay rent, I couldn't buy food. I made a massive mistake and borrowed money from the wrong people to survive. They added crazy interest. Suddenly I owed them £5,000.

Detective Hayes: Why not go to the police?

Alex Thorne: Because at 6:30 PM yesterday, Friday night, they sent me text messages. They told me if I didn't have £5,000 in cash or something valuable to sell on the streets by midnight, they would go to my 10-year-old sister's primary school on Monday. They knew her name, her teacher, everything! They threatened to hurt her! What was I supposed to do?!

Detective Hayes: So you targeted a community pharmacy to pay off a gang debt.

Alex Thorne: They told me Chen's Pharmacy had a fresh delivery of high-value painkillers on Friday afternoon. They told me exactly what to steal so they could sell them on the street. I didn't want to do it! I hated it! But I couldn't let them touch my sister. I'm pleading guilty. I confess to breaking in, I confess to taking the drugs, and I confess that I pushed Mr. Chen. Just lock me up... honestly, at least inside a prison cell, those people can't get to me.

Detective Hayes: Interview paused at 02:45 AM. End of recording.

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ADVISORY JURY: CASE LOG	
Investigators Names	Class
Date Filed	Case: #409 The Pharmacy Heist

INCIDENT DETAILS	
Incident Type	Estimated Time
Date of Incident	Location

SUMMARY OF CRIME - INCLUDE WEAPONS, STOLEN ITEMS, CIRCUMSTANCES

ACCUSED	
Criminal History	Occupation
Any other information (Including family, financial and medical)	

MOTIVE - WHY WAS THE CRIME CARRIED OUT?

AGGRAVATING FACTORS (WHAT MAKES THE CRIME WORSE?)

MITIGATING FACTORS (WHAT MAKES ALEX'S SITUATION MORE SYMPATHETIC?

TOP SECRET: DETECTIVE'S CLUE SHEET

Stuck on your Case Log? Use these clues to guide your investigation.

Clue 1: Incident Details & Summary of Crime
Where to look: Document 2 (Newspaper) & Document 3 (Police Report)
What to write:

- Did Alex bring a weapon? (Check the police interview transcript carefully!)
- What exact items did Alex shove into the duffel bag, and what did Alex leave sitting in the open till?
- How did the struggle happen, and what caused David Chen to fall?

Clue 2: The Accused (Alex Thorne)
Where to look: Document 3 (Police Report), Document 5 (Bank Statement) & Document 7 (Transcript)
What to write:

- Does Alex have a criminal record, or is this a first-time offence?
- Is Alex employed right now? What does the red stamp on the bank statement tell you about Alex's money?
- Who is in Alex's family that gets mentioned in the text messages?

Clue 3: Motive (Why was the crime carried out?)
Where to look: Document 4 (Text Messages) & Document 7 (Transcript)
What to write:

- Alex wasn't stealing for fun or to get rich. Who was threatening Alex?
- What were they going to do if Alex didn't get them £5,000 or valuable painkillers by midnight?

Clue 4: Aggravating Factors (What makes the crime worse?)
Ask yourself: What parts of this crime will make the victim's family and the Judge angry?
Clues:

- Did Alex plan this in advance? (Think: watching the building, bringing tools).
- What was the terrible outcome of the physical struggle?
- What kind of drugs were stolen, and why are they dangerous to society?

Clue 5: Mitigating Factors (What makes Alex's situation more sympathetic?)
Ask yourself: What parts of this story make you feel a bit sorry for Alex?
Clues:

- Was Alex being forced/threatened by someone else? (Legal term: Duress).
- Did Alex intend to hurt Mr. Chen, or was it an accident in the dark?
- How did Alex react when caught by the police? (Think: confession, remorse, clean record).