**Witness Testimonies**

Nurse:  I received a call from the main office that **Victim** had passed out in her room.  I immediately called 911 and then hurried up to the room where she was.  She appeared unconscious on the floor and I went to check on her.  She was breathing, and started to come to.  I asked her if she knew her name, where she was, and what happened.  She knew her name, but was confused and complained of nausea and head pain.  There was a noticeable redness and swelling from a spot on her temple.  I told her to stay lying down until the ambulance arrived.  I asked her if she remembered what happened and she said that she remembered planning on setting up the lab during her lunch hour (6th period), but she couldn’t remember how she ended up on the floor.  The campus police arrived, escorting the paramedics.  They checked her vital signs, stabilized her, loaded her on a stretcher, and took her to University Hospital.

Campus Police:  The victim appeared conscious but disoriented, while the paramedics stabilized and transported her.  There was a noticeable bump on her right temple, at the hairline.  The bump seemed consistent with a fall against a table  -- perhaps a lab table, since she was lying the floor next to a lab table in her classroom.

Science Dean:  The last time I saw Ms. Victim was at our science dept. meeting in my classroom.  The meeting started at 8:00.  All the Lee, ISA, and STEM science teachers were there, except Teacher X, who was out sick for the day.  We went over our agenda.  Ms. Victim didn’t say a whole lot, but I did congratulate her and Witness 3 on being finalists for the National Science Foundation’s Excllence in Education award, which included a $10,000 award, not to mention the free trip to Las Vegas for the awards ceremony.  I’m really excited that we have two of the finalists!  It makes our campus look really awesome!  How upsetting that this happened and she couldn’t make it to her final interview!

Witness 1: “I don’t remember much about that morning, except I think there was a science department meeting… Right before 8:00, I remember running into **witness 3** in the hallway and she was bringing Ms. **Victim** a coffee from the teacher’s lounge. **Witness 3** is always looking out for Ms. **Victim**, but those two are such a funny pair. They seem like good friends and they do a lot of things together. They even applied for the same grant and are finalists. I’m so impressed how they stay close friends, when others would get competitive.”

Witness 2: “I think that **victim** told me that she was getting ready for some sort of lab… something with fire? Maybe the chemicals for the lab were toxic? She always seemed very safety conscious in the lab, but you never know.I do know that she and **witness 4** were always fighting about where to store chemicals and **witness 4** came into my room the other day to vent about her chemical hoarding. I’m not sure if any of that helps...”

Witness 3:  I can’t believe this has happened to **victim**.  We’re such good friends.  I’m going to the hospital as soon as I’m done here to see how she’s doing.   We’ve always gotten along so well and have never had any problems. I was even going to her room right after school to help her set up for a lab… until she got hurt.”

Witness 4: “**Victim**  is always a bit of a stickler for lab safety. But, she  isn’t very good about returning chemicals to the stock room - that gets pretty annoying. I’m always going to the store room to look for something, but I can’t find it and inevitably, it’s in her room.”  Anyway, the only time I  saw her this morning was during the department meeting.  She looked fine to me.

Witness 5:  I teach next door to Ms. Victim. The last time I saw Ms. Victim was at the science dept. meeting in the dean’s room this morning.  After the meeting we walked back to our rooms together, chatting about the meeting and drinking our coffee.  I do remember one odd thing, though:  Ms. Victim showed me this weird note, written on a piece of filter paper, of all things.  It said something like, “Ms. Victim...this is too far.” -- I don’t know.  She said she found it on her desk yesterday.  Neither of us could make any sense of it.   I think she stuck the note in her pocket after she showed it to me.  She seemed fine to me and excited about her 2nd grant interview this afternoon after school….although I guess she didn’t make it, since she’s in the hospital, now.  But usually, you know, it’s always crazy around this place… you know yesterday, I found a prescription bottle of Vicodin left in the teacher’s lounge by accident.  It belonged to Witness 4 -- he’d left it there by accident. I remember he had arm surgery a couple of weeks ago -- I think it was leftover from that. And Witness 3:  carrying around a bottle of anitfreeze   ha ha -- but she brought it from her car because her students need it for part of her solubility lab….it just looked funny, that’s all….but like I said this place is crazy….and now this business with Mrs. **Victim**….I don’t know...

Witness 6: “I found **Victim** passed out on floor by lab table 4 during lunch. Lab supplies and chemicals were out and some things were spilled and knocked over onto the floor.  I checked to see if she was breathing, but she was unconscious, so I pressed the emergency call button to get the nurse. The  nurse called for an ambulance, then came up to check her vitals.

Student 1:  I have Ms. Victim for 4th period.  She was acting kind of weird, I mean, she slurred her speech a little, she stumbled once or twice and almost fell over a desk while she was walking around the room helping us.  She left the room a couple of times and said she was feeling sick.

Student 2: I was really worried about Ms. Victim, and I went to check on her the 2nd time she went to the bathroom (during 5th period).  I heard her in there throwing up.  I went back to the room.  I asked her if she was ok, and she said she had an upset stomach.  I thought, like, maybe she’s pregnant, and didn’t want to tell anybody.

Student 3:  I have Ms. Victim for 1st period.  She got there a little late, because I think she was in a meeting. Class was normal.  Nothing special happened. She told us about a lab we’re going to do tomorrow.  She seemed fine to us.  I heard after lunch from one of my friends she got sick and had to go the hospital.  I hope she’s ok.

Student 4, 2nd period student: She seemed ok in my class.  She did take away my phone during class.   Did something else happen?

Student 5:  I have Chemistry 3rd period, with Ms. Victim.  Today we got ready for a lab that we’re doing tomorrow.  I hear we get to burn things tomorrow.  Sometime while my group was working on our questions, I looked up and Ms. Victim was gone.  She came back a few minutes later.  I just figured she’d gone to the bathroom.   But then she went off on Tony for texting, and she’s usually more chill about it...although he was kind of a jerk about it….he was sooooo mad when she took his phone last week.  Anyway,  she apologized to Tony and said she wasn’t feeling well.