

Don't read this until you have your verdict!

The killer is No. 0131, Janet Ellison

24, from Little Sorrel, blond hair, 5'6", apples: Winesap, cider: Dry.

What really happened

Janet Ellison had been buying Copperleaf's barrels at a discount for three seasons and selling them on at twice the price under a fancier label. Old Edwin Applegarth had finally noticed, and that morning he told the whole tasting bar that the mill's secret recipe was going to his granddaughter, and hinted darkly that 'a certain bottler' would never get another drop.

At 4:10 p.m. Janet Ellison slipped into the press house by the back hatch, while the crowd watched the last cartload tip into the hopper. Edwin would not hand over the recipe card. They struggled at the top of the press-house ladder, Edwin fell, and Janet took the card and left the tin open beside him. Hurrying down, Janet dropped a ticket stub and lost a boot in the pomace, then walked back out into the orchard in one wet sock, with a basket on one arm like everyone else, but the visitor book remembers every basket, every cup of cider and every face at the gate.

How many people each clue rules out (in the listed order)

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| 1. The killer's age is an even number. | -86 -> 106 left |
| 2. The killer's cider was none of: Spiced, Hot. | -50 -> 56 left |
| 3. The killer's first name begins with a letter from G to S (both included). | -25 -> 31 left |
| 4. The killer's hometown is none of: Hatchet Lane, Tansy Green. | -14 -> 17 left |
| 5. The killer is 5'10" or shorter. | -7 -> 10 left |
| 6. The killer is between 22 and 42 years old (both ages included). | -8 -> 2 left |
| 7. The killer's last name does not begin with a letter from J to R (both included). | -1 -> 1 left |