POSSIBLE SUSPECTS LIST

Read the facts about each suspect on the list. If a suspect had a reason to commit the crime, write "yes" on the line after "Motive." In the space provided, tell why the suspect might have stolen the recipe. If the suspect did not have a reason to commit the crime, write "no" on the line after "Motive." Tell why the suspect probably would not have stolen the recipe.

SUSPECTS

Imelda Castleberry

Castleberry has been Mr. Van Feisty's administrative assistant for 25 years. He has been happy with her work all those years and recently gave her a $5,000 raise.
Motive? __________
Why? __________

Elbarno Farnsworth

Farnsworth is owner of Elbarno Chocolate Company. For years his company has been losing money. It cannot compete with Dutch Delight Chocolates, the nation's favorite. Elbarno has tried one scheme after another—advertising campaigns on TV, prizes in candy packages, giveaway vacations to Hawaii and Disney World—to sell more candy than Dutch Delight. But none of the schemes have worked, and Elbarno Chocolates is still far behind in sales.
Motive? __________ Why? __________
Oscar Hobson

Hobson created the original Dutch Delight Chocolate Bar 30 years ago, when he was a cook in Mr. Van Feisty's restaurant.

After selling many candy bars in his restaurant, Van Feisty decided to begin a chocolate company to make just chocolate bars. He sold his restaurant when he started the chocolate company.

Mr. Van Feisty did not give Oscar Hobson credit for the original recipe. Instead, he claimed that he had created the recipe himself. He even advertised on television that he was the person who had created the original Dutch Delight Chocolate Bar.

Van Feisty did not give Oscar a job at the new chocolate company. Oscar worked as a cook in another restaurant, all the time plotting how he might prove he was the creator of the Dutch Delight Chocolate Bar. He hired detectives and lawyers, but no one could prove his story. Eventually Oscar was heavily in debt. He could pay none of his bills, and he lost his house, his car, and finally his job. He now sells Elbarno Chocolates from a cart that he pushes around the streets of the city. He lives in a small, one-room apartment.

Motive? __________ Why? __________

Barry Newell

Newell has been the night security guard for 28 years. Mr. Van Feisty recently increased his annual vacation time from 2 weeks to a month. He also gets every other Friday off because Mr. Van Feisty likes him. A picture of Mr. Van Feisty hangs on Mr. Newell's living room wall in his apartment.

Motive? __________

Why? __________
Jewel Treasure

Treasure was a model hired by Van Feisty to advertise Dutch Delight Chocolates. She was frequently seen on television eating a Dutch Delight Chocolate Bar. "This is the only chocolate I would ever dream of eating," she would say in the commercial.

Six months ago, a reporter from the National Examiner photographed her buying a cartload of Elbaro Chocolates in the grocery store. The picture was seen on every newspaper in the country, and Mr. Van Feisty became a laughingstock. He immediately fired Jewel Treasure, saying he would see to it that she never worked as a model again. She now sells shoes at the Very Good Department Store at the Shoestring Mall.
Motive? ________ Why? ________

Airedale Johnson

Johnson is a serious chocoholic, one who is completely unable to control her craving for chocolate. She thinks of nothing but her favorite Dutch Delight Chocolate Bars and typically eats more than 20 of them a day. Although she has tried all types of treatments to help fight her cravings, all of them have failed.

A saleslady working at the Dutch Delight Chocolate shop where Ms. Johnson frequently buys her candy said that recently, Ms. Johnson had seemed desperate about her condition. The week before, Mrs. Johnson had told the saleslady that Van Feisty should be ashamed.

"He tempts people with irresistible delicacies and makes a fortune while the poor victims suffer," she reportedly stated angrily. "The government should protect us and force him out of business." Then, overcome by a craving, she had grabbed a chocolate bar from the counter, tore off the wrapper, and gulped it down. "If the government won't do it, I will," she mumbled, chewing the last bite of the candy.
Motive? ________ Why? ________
Nelmira Simpson

Simpson created a national organization that protests against the selling of chocolate to children. The organization demonstrates in front of candy stores across the nation, carrying banners stating the ill effects of chocolate.

“Children are disrespectful, unruly, and failing in school because of chocolate,” Mrs. Simpson said recently on a national television talk show.

She has attempted to have Congress pass a law making it illegal to sell chocolate to minors. Congress laughed at her demands.

“I might have to take matters into my own hands,” she reportedly stated to a news reporter after Congressman Dale had said she was ridiculous.

Motive? _______ Why? _______

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Benny Barholomew

Barholomew has worked his way up to higher positions at the chocolate factory over the past 15 years and is now the head factory supervisor. When questioned by police, he said he liked working for Mr. Van Feisty and stated that his boss always sent him a turkey at Thanksgiving, and another turkey at Christmas. “He also buys all my kids firecrackers each Fourth of July,” he said. He plans to work at the factory until he retires at age 65.

Motive? _______ Why? _______

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Salty the Cracker

Salty is a notorious thief. He was recently released from jail after serving time for stealing the design for a new video game from one company and selling it to another. As his name suggests, he is a skilled safecracker.

Motive? _______ Why? _______