

The Alkali Flat Incident

Word came into the sheriff's office a little after noon: trouble out by Alkali Flat, and four riders who'd all been somewhere else, to hear them tell it. Sort out who was where before the trail goes cold.

CLUES & EVIDENCE

- Everyone agreed: Ottie Gaunt had the cut safety fuse.
- Everyone agreed Refugio Barela was at Smelter Ridge.
- The filed scale weight wasn't Refugio Barela's.
- You can rule out the knotted whipcord for Whistle Rufe Mink.
- Whatever else is true, Powder Kate Dunn wasn't at Alkali Flat.
- You can rule out Quicklime Pond for Whistle Rufe Mink.
- Whistle Rufe Mink never made it as far as Alkali Flat.
- Refugio Barela had nothing to do with the knotted whipcord.

THE GRID

SUSPECTS **Ottie Gaunt**
 Whistle Rufe Mink

Powder Kate Dunn
Refugio Barela

LOCATIONS **Quicklime Pond**
 Deadfall Notch

Alkali Flat
Smelter Ridge

EVIDENCE **Filed Scale Weight**
 Knotted Whipcord

Bent Assay Ladle
Cut Safety Fuse

		LOCATIONS				EVIDENCE			
		POND	ALKALI	NOTCH	SMELTER	WEIGHT	LADLE	WHIPCORD	FUSE
SUSPECTS	GAUNT								
	DUNN								
	MINK								
	BARELA								
EVIDENCE	WEIGHT								
	LADLE								
	WHIPCORD								
	FUSE								

CASE 001 · THE ALKALI FLAT INCIDENT

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Ottie Gaunt	Alkali Flat	Cut Safety Fuse	
Powder Kate Dunn	Quicklime Pond	Knotted Whipcord	
Whistle Rufe Mink	Deadfall Notch	Filed Scale Weight	
Refugio Barela	Smelter Ridge	Bent Assay Ladle	

CASE 002 · THE BONE WAGON ROAD TROUBLE

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Powder Kate Dunn	Bone Wagon Road	Worn Fuse Pouch	
Foreman Gil Mercer	Malachite Butte	Broken Wax Seal	
Shotgun Perce Hale	Signal Peak	Spent Blasting Cap	
Winnie Corbett	Slag Bottoms	Knotted Whipcord	

CASE 003 · THE SINKHOLE DRAW INCIDENT

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Judge Amos Pell	Gallows Head	Worn Fuse Pouch	
Powder Kate Dunn	Malachite Butte	Cut Safety Fuse	
Kettle Jack Orrick	Sinkhole Draw	Falsified Assay Slip	
Silas Quarles	Quicklime Pond	Guttered Miner's Candle	

CASE 004 · THE GALLOWS HEAD MATTER

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Refugio Barela	Gallows Head	Spent Blasting Cap	
Old Ridge Barlow	Powderhouse Gap	Scorched Powder Apron	
Mule-Ear Bodie	Sump Creek	Bent Drill Steel	
Ottie Gaunt	Copper Basin	Torn Payroll Ledger	