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Case File #3

The Blanket Bandit

First, read the four paragraphs. Next, answer the question connected to each clue. Then, try to find who was committed the crime.



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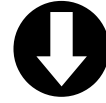
There's an emergency situation on Hartman Lane. It's Ben's house and Ben is on the verge of tears. You see, Ben has had a bad day already. He had no one to sit with at lunch, it rained and his field trip was cancelled, and his favorite shoes are soaked because he stepped in a big puddle on the way home. Now, he just wants to build a fort and hide from everything with his dog Duke. But, he can't build a fort without his secret ingredient - his Superman blanket.



CLUE #1

Why is Ben about to cry?

Your answer for clue #1



He is about to cry because

CLUE #2

Where did Ben look for his Superman blanket?

Your answer for clue #2



He looked for it

Ben's Superman blanket isn't just any blanket. It is the perfect fort building blanket. It is big enough to stretch across his bedroom, and is light enough that it won't collapse on his head. The Superman blanket is the key ingredient for making the best fort, and without it, Ben's day just keeps getting worse. Ben started by looking in all the regular spots. The blanket wasn't in the hall closet or under his bed. It wasn't tucked in the dryer either. Duke even helped Ben look everywhere they could think of.



Ben remembered that the last time that the Superman blanket was missing, it was because his mom was washing it. Duke had grabbed it and drug it outside into the mud in the backyard. Ben ran to the washing machine to check if it was there. No luck. Last month, when the Superman blanket went missing, Ben's dad had hung it on the clothesline in the yard. Duke had grabbed it and drug it outside to the corner of the backyard and Dad had found it, shook it out, and hung it up.



CLUE #3

Where was the blanket the other times it was missing?

Your answer for clue #3



The other times, it was

Ben raced to the clothes line on the side of the yard. No luck. "I've looked everywhere," yelled Ben. "Today is just not my day." He was almost ready to cry when he looked down at Duke. Ben's canine companion was looking up at him with his head tilted. Around his neck was a small blue and red piece of ribbon that looked a lot like the ribbon from the outer edge of the Superman blanket. "Duke, do you know something that you're not telling me?" asked Ben.



CLUE #4

What did Ben see around Duke's neck?

Your answer for clue #4



Ben saw

Who Moved the blanket?
How do you know? Explain.