

*Case:* The Valentine Victim

*Mystery:* Who poisoned the chocolates eaten by Gretchen Moore

*Crook:* Cassandra Smythe

*Reason:* She was jealous that Gretchen had stolen her boyfriend.

*Clues:* It would be odd that a box of chocolates bought from a store would have only the fingerprints of Keith and Gretchen on them. Surely there would be fingerprints of the person who stocked the chocolates on the shelf, as well as other customers who picked up each box to look at it. This would mean someone had to wipe it clean first, which would mean they had specifically intended the box to be meant for someone. Cassandra had access to the chocolate, and because her brother was a chemist, it would be no problem for her to find out what chemicals she could use to poison Gretchen without affecting the taste of the chocolates. Plus, no one had said that the intent was to kill Gretchen – yet, Cassandra automatically assumed that was the intent.