

## WITNESS 1: Betty Knosey (Neighbor – Called 911)

**Role:** First witness; discovered the open door and blood. Overly curious and dramatic; might have touched the scene before police arrived.

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- Age: 58
- Lives next door to Michelle Noabodie for 12 years.
- Describes herself as a “light sleeper” and “neighborhood watch in one woman.”
- Walks her little dog, Muffin, every morning at 5:00 a.m. sharp.
- Claims she “knows everyone’s business” on Boogy Boogy Ave.
- Says she noticed Michelle’s front door open around **5:10 a.m.**
- “That woman never leaves her door open, not even to get the mail. I *knew* something was wrong.”
- Peered inside the doorway before entering.
- Saw “a streak of red” on the entryway floor and “papers everywhere.”
- Screamed out Michelle’s name several times before stepping inside.
- Walked in *about 10 feet* before realizing there was “too much blood” and backed out.
- Claims to have seen a **tipped-over chair**, a **plastic cup**, and **white powder** on the desk.
- Reports hearing a car door slam down the street while she was calling 911 — but didn’t see anyone.
- Says Michelle “had strange visitors lately — especially that jittery young man, Craig or Carl or whatever his name is.”
- “He was always pacing outside her door like he was waiting for something.”
- Very talkative, tends to embellish for attention.
- Genuinely worried, but her curiosity may have contaminated evidence.

## WITNESS 2: Craig Delaney (Coworker / Last Known Contact)

**Role:** Coworker who stopped by Michelle’s home the night before to “drop off paperwork.” Defensive and nervous; his statement shifts. His comments cast suspicion on the third witness.

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- Age: 32
- Works with Michelle at the same marketing firm downtown.
- Claims he went to Michelle’s house around **9:30 p.m.** to return a work folder she left at the office.
- Says Michelle invited him in briefly, and they “talked about work deadlines and client issues.”
- Describes Michelle as “stressed and on edge lately.” They recently discussed a fight she had with her friend Stacy.
- “Stacy can be... intense. Michelle told me once she owed her money or something.”
- Says he doesn’t know where Stacy lives but she “always smelled like cheap perfume and cigarettes.”
- “Michelle was jumpy — like she’d had too much caffeine or something.”
- Admits there was an **empty plastic cup** on her desk when he visited.
- Mentions Michelle had **powdered donuts** and was “nervously snacking.” (“She had white powder all over her fingers — I even joked about it.”)
- Says he left around **10:00 p.m.** and that Michelle was fine when he left.
- Denies any argument.
- When asked if he saw anyone else, he hesitates, then adds: “Well... her friend Stacy dropped by as I was leaving. They didn’t look happy to see each other.”
- Gets defensive when asked if he’s ever been inside Michelle’s office before. (“I told you, I was just dropping off her folder!”)
- Fingerprints could plausibly be on the plastic cup or phone.
- Nervous tic: rubs his hands together when talking about the timeline.

## WITNESS 3: Stacy Lynn Pender (Friend / Possibly Involved)

**Role:** Friend of the victim; last seen at Michelle's house late the previous night. Has a temper and a motive (money). May have staged parts of the scene. Connects directly to Craig's statement.

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- Age: 29
- Longtime friend of Michelle — used to be roommates.
- Describes relationship as “complicated.”
- Admits they had a **heated argument** the night before Michelle went missing.
- “She promised she’d pay me back. I wasn’t leaving until she did.”
- Arrived at Michelle’s house around **10:00 p.m.**, saw a man (Craig) leaving as she walked up.
- “He gave me this fake smile — I don’t trust that guy.”
- Says Michelle looked “frazzled and nervous.”
- Claims they argued in the **office** because Michelle “wouldn’t even sit down or look me in the eye.”
- Remembers knocking over the office chair “by accident” during the argument.
- Denies seeing any blood, but admits “it got messy” and that Michelle “threw her cup of soda” at her.
- Says she “left around 10:30” and slammed the door hard enough that “something might’ve fallen.”
- Wearing **glasses** that night — later realizes they are missing.
- Insists the white powder was from “those stupid powdered donuts she was stress-eating.”
- Claims Michelle “was threatening to tell my boyfriend something about me.”
- “I didn’t hurt her — I just wanted what was mine.”
- Admits she’s been questioned by police before (“for dumb stuff, nothing serious”).
- Speaks quickly, changes topics, and tries to shift blame to Craig.
- Says Michelle’s cellphone kept buzzing the entire time they were arguing.