

I – Global understanding

1. What is the name of the defendant?
Nathan Carman
2. In which country / state / city does the case take place?
Concord, New Hampshire, USA
3. What is the case about?
Nathan is suspected of murdering his mother and grandfather in order to inherit their estate (a 7-million dollar inheritance).
4. Who is going to defend the accused?
Himself. He has fired his legal team/attorneys.
5. Who constitute the other party?
His aunts (Mum's sisters)
6. What do they accuse him of?
They accuse him of shooting his grandfather at his home in Connecticut and abandoning his mother while they were at sea together, on a fishing trip, and the boat was sinking.
7. Has his mother's body been found?
No.

II – Detailed understanding

1. What does the defendant plead?
He maintains his innocence, pleads not guilty.
2. What does he deny as far as his mother is concerned?
He denies abandoning her on the sinking boat, and adds that even if the judge “were to believe that, it is not a crime”.
3. In turn, what does he accuse his relatives of?
He says that his aunts have a very substantial motive to accuse him, meaning they want the 7-million dollar inheritance for themselves.
4. Why was he first suspected by the police?
He was “a person of interest” in the unsolved murder of his grandfather, John Chalakos (i.e.: a suspect).
5. How does he defend himself as for the gun?
John Chalakos was shot; Nathan Carman was the last person to see him alive and owns the same caliber rifle as the one that was used to kill his grandfather. He pleads the Fifth amendment to defend himself. This means he will not answer questions related to his possession of the rifle (or firearms in general) as, if he replies, he may incriminate himself. More on this “plead of the Fifth” [here](#).
6. What makes him suspect of his mother's presumed death?
Nathan survived on a life raft for a week after his boat sank. His mother did not. He pretended the boat had engine problems, then sank. How come he did not help his mother off that boat?
7. What does his relatives' attorney believe of Nathan's profile?
He believes he is a cold calculated killer, that his crimes were done carefully, and that if he gets away with it, he will kill again.

8. Detail the other lawsuit Nathan is involved in.
The insurance company that covered the boat says that he made modifications to it that cause it to sink.