



ANSWER

Murderer: The perfume Saleswoman and friend of Joanna.

Motive: She killed Joanna because Joanna hurt her husband by her announcement. Despite the fact she is no longer in a relationship with Joanna's husband, she still cares for him deeply. She killed the other four people in order to cover up any eyewitnesses and evidence leading back to her from the first murder.

Means: She hit Joanna in the back of the head with one of the perfume bottles she had in her pocket. The others she killed by locking them in the room and leaving them to burn in the fire she had set.





THE HAUNTING SOLUTION

EXPLANATION

Joanna's husband snapped at his wife at the party, accusing her of caring more about her work than him. Joanna's friend was upset that Joanna would ever hurt him this way. He was her ex, but she still cared for him deeply and actually regretted breaking up with him. To make it worse, he was hurt by her friend Joanna, who, despite her best attempts, she was highly jealous of. Joanna left to finish work during the party and invited her husband to her home office for a drink in an attempt to calm him down. Joanna went into her office, locked the door behind her as usual and poured out two drinks. Then she headed to her computer. Her friend entered the office moments later for she had the key. Being in constant regret of breaking it off with Joanna's current husband, and often seeing Joanna prioritize work over him, this was the last straw. In the heat of the moment, Joanna's friend grabbed a bottle out of her pocket and hit Joanna over the head with all her might. The impact caused it to shatter and Joanna made a loud thud when she hit the floor. Bits of glass glittered in the carpet and the clear, sweet smelling perfume dripped over Joanna's hair and neck. Realizing what she had done, she made an attempt to clean up the evidence and sabatoge the crime scene, starting to gather the largest pieces of the bottle and taking away Joanna's key. But it was quickly becoming clear that there was no way she could clean up all the evidence and people could be coming in any second because of the loud thud Joanna made hitting the floor. Hoping what evidence was left could be lost in a fire, she left to find matches and then returned to set the fire in the room. However, some of the guests had gotten there already. She heard one of them on a cellphone calling the police. Feeling like there was no other option given the amount of evidence in the room and because their backs were to the door, she quickly locked it, started the fire and left the house.