# Follow the Leader - Hint Files 

*One Puzzle Per Page*

## Follow the Leader But To Where?

1. The list of instructions mentions getting a blank piece of paper and start making marks at specific measurements. Use the provided ruler for this.
2. This will spell out a word.

## Mirror Questions

1. You can find answers to these questions in the other texts available to you. Some pieces of information are in multiple places.
2. Anna Hargrove tells you how many people were in the group, the crime scene report tells you how much money Nicholas brought as payment and the beginning brief tells you it all pertains to an event that occurred in 2017.
3. The numbers you get will be used with the drink coaster and the safe to get new numbers that will unlock the safe.

## Floor Safe

1. You will need to have the answers to the questions on the mirror before attempting this.
2. The drink coaster with writing has symbols that match up with the mirror questions. You will overlay this with the knob on the safe.
3. Match the symbol on the coaster with the number representing the correct answer to that question, then take the number indicated by the arrow. So when you line up the icon of the people with the number 4, the arrow is pointing to 33 .

## Coded Message in Safe

1. The clue for how to solve this coded message is in the upper right corner of the note.
2. Count the number of times a letter is repeated in a group and count up from that letter in the alphabet. e.g., "AA" would be "B." The first letter in the message is "T."

## Where do you go?

1. You will need to have solved all of the puzzles in this section before attempting this.
2. Combine the two pieces of information gathered from the coded note and the "Follow the Leader but to Where?" puzzle.

## Movie Poster

1. Watch the video of the film Lanny Morton finds.
2. The number of stars in the film matches the number of stars on the poster. Use the filled-in stars to pull words from the poster in the order they appear.
3. You should get the message, "They let the air out of the tires". Do this with the other shapes to get the full message.

## Tire and Parking Lot Puzzle

1. You will need to have solved the movie poster puzzle before you can do this puzzle.
2. Follow the directions you get from the movie poster puzzle and place the tire so that the Zs in the parking lot are in the center of the tire. There are three Zs . Start with the one on the left side. When you place the tire with Z in the center, it will cover some letters. Use the letters that are around the tire, starting with the top right letter, which should be a red letter.
3. Now go down and around the tire to get the message "Twenty-one flats le..." Do this for the other Zs to complete the message.

## Felt Board Message

1. You will need to have solved the tire puzzle before you can do this puzzle.
2. Use the numbers mentioned in the tire puzzle answer with the felt board.
3. Use the letters from 21,60 , and 10 . Alternate back and forth to get the message. Take the first letter from 21, then 60, then 10 . Repeat this pattern to get the whole message. (Tip: write out the letter in 21, then write out the letters in 60 under them, then write on the letters in 10 under those. It will make reading the message easier.) The message will start with "The game took a..."

## Where do you go next? Envelope 2

You will need to have solved all of the puzzles in this section before you can answer this.

## Flowers

1. Allen Piker describes the kind of flowers his sister used to plant in his interview.
2. You can match what he describes with the images of the flowers to find what she planted.

## Cemetery map

1. You will need to have figured out what kind of flowers Jess Piker planted before you can do this puzzle.
2. Once you know that Jess planted rainflowers, find all of the graves that have them using the list of names. Mark the graves on the map and read the message on the back of the map.
3. The graves you marked create an $X$. Use the grave at the center of the $X$ (the crossroads).

## Ellie Ray's Headstone

1. There is a 7 pointed star on Ellie's headstone.
2. Use the star pendant on the back of Ellie's headstone with the message Patrick Hurd found.
3. Place the star so that the points are pointing to letters. Starting with the top letter labeled 1, move down to the right, following the lines of the star. Do the same for the other numbers. The message you get will start with "Shade in..."

## Lines and Numbers

1. You will need to have solved the star pendant puzzle on Ellie's headstone before you can do this puzzle.
2. Use the message you get from the star pendant to shade in the correct numbers. Once you have, you will see a message.
3. The message starts with "WITH HAMMERS..."

## Cemetery Sign

1. You will need to have solved both the lines and numbers puzzle and the cemetery map puzzle before you can do this puzzle.
2. The message you get from the cemetery map unlock and the message you get from shading in the numbers have words that match with the icons on the back of the cemetery sign.
3. There are seven icons you should pull words from. Pull the words in the order they appear on the sign.

# Where Do You Go Next? 

## Envelope 3

You will need to have solved all of the puzzles in the cemetery before you can do this. Use hwy, not highway.

## Colored Letters

1. The message with the black box cutter is a clue for the colored letters puzzle.
2. Each victim was killed with a different colored boxcutter. The order is red, green, orange, and black.
3. For each group of 4 letters, put them in the order of red, green, orange, black. This will get you the message "the night she died..."

## Door

1. You will need to have solved the colored letters puzzle before you can do this.

## Stairs

1. You will need to have solved the colored letters puzzle before you can do this puzzle.
2. Use the instructions from the door unlock with the stairs. Your answer will be two numbers.
3. Follow only the directions that follow the phrase "Leader says." This works like Simon says.

## Solved All the Puzzles? Ready to Close the Case?

1. You will need to have solved all of the puzzles before you can do this.
2. Use the two bold words in the staircase unlock.
