

Bridge Over Troubled Water

A bounty hunter tracked the suspect to a card game in California. She just missed him but apparently he only played one game and then left which was unusual. She thinks that the game was a signal to some of the suspect's associates as to his next location. I've interviewed some other card players who watched the game but have only been able to piece together a small part of what happened.

The suspect was playing with three known associates by the names of Ned, Edward, and Wendy so they could have rigged the game however they wanted, although they followed the rules to not draw attention to themselves. For the most part, the game appears uninteresting to the untrained eye with Ned and the suspect having a major contract for 90 points and barely making it. However, some of the other card players there noted a few things of interest during the game. 1. Wendy was lucky to be able to play a finesse. 2. Ned won a trick with a 2 of clubs. 3. Wendy dropped a club when she shouldn't have allowing Ned to keep control, win his low clubs, and lead the last 4 tricks.

Edward started the game with the Ace of clubs. One of the other card players also mentioned hearing the suspect talk about jumping into a river but he couldn't remember which one.

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CDDCDSSSDCCCH

Ned	xxJ3x	Edward	x86	Suspect	x9x	Wendy	x5
12 HCP	x	7 HCP	Kxxx	11 HCP	xxx	10 HCP	xJxxx
	xx		xxxxx		xxTx		xQ
	Kx9xx		x		xx4		xxx7

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