

Flatline

Suspect Statements Round 1

Joe Cooper

Monica was my favorite. And she wasn't even my flesh and blood... she's adopted, you know. Monica was trying to find her birth parents. I was all for it but Florence was horrified. She wanted to be a good mother but she tried too hard and smothered the girl. Monica was embarrassed by her from very young.

I was hoping Monica would leave the band and join the business. I'd wanted her to take it over eventually. Oliver is talented but ruthless, always trying to get his hands on my empire. Ronald's hard-working but lacks any real brilliance to grow the business. And Jessica has a good head for business like her father, but she has no ethics either. She'll do anything to get what she wants. Helen and Oliver were always pushing for Jess to take more responsibility in the business, but that was always about keeping Monica out.

Every week we have a family dinner. They all hate it, which is why I do it... I like to mess with them. I always sit at the head of the table and I never let the married couples sit together. They all come for fear of missing family gossip or being cut out of my will.

We'd just finished dinner when I had my heart attack. Roy, my longtime doctor arrived before the ambulance and gave me something so I don't really remember much after that.

Florence Cooper

Monica was a miracle. I wanted a child so bad but it just wasn't happening, so we decided to adopt. Well... I decided and Ronald went along with it, he wasn't interested in Monica for much of her childhood. But I loved her from the first minute, and Joe... he was smitten, thankfully.

We were at the family dinner when Joe collapsed. I sat on the left side of the table. When Joe went off in the ambulance, Ronald and I followed to make sure Joe was ok.

Ronald Cooper

I'm embarrassed to say I wasn't that interested in Monica when she was young. We had a better relationship from her late teens on, but I only really agreed to the adoption to keep Florence quiet.

We were at the weekly family dinner when dad had the heart attack. No one ever wants to go to that dinner, but it's a rule. He has lots of rules... like no one of the same gender is allowed to sit next to each other at the dinner table. Crazy old man!

I'm not sure who called the ambulance but I heard Florence call the doctor. She sure found his number fast. Then we followed the ambulance to the hospital.

Betty Olsen

Monica and I were good friends for a long time. She was getting tired of band life and was thinking about going into the family business soon. When she got the call about Joe she insisted we break the tour and drive to the hospital so... me, Kevin, Adam, and Monica drove all night.

Adam Bentley

Monica and I were dating for close to 5 years. We were on the road when she got a call from her dad about Joe having a heart attack. She insisted we go home right away. Betty wasn't keen. She's the backup singer but she wanted to be the lead. She was always encouraging Monica to go into the family business, and now this was her big chance. But Monica said no and we drove all night.

Joe was the person she cared for the most in the family. She was looking for her birth parents because she thought she'd be lonely family wise after Joe died and she was hoping to strike up a relationship with her real parents. She also thought she'd be vulnerable... she knew Joe was going to look after her in the will but she was worried maybe Oliver would contest it.

Helen Cooper

Monica was always Joe's favorite and Jessica felt left out, even from a very young age. That's why they didn't get along well when they were younger. Once they were older it became about the family business. Jessica loves the company and works hard day after day. But it's never good enough for Joe... he wanted Monica in there. Monica shouldn't have had anything to do with the business... she was in a band for goodness sakes. And let's not forget... She wasn't even a Cooper.

Joe's always been strange in my opinion. He makes us go to dinner every week and he has all these dumb rules about where we sit. He must sit at the head of the table and only the two left handers are allowed to sit either side of him. Tell me that's not a little strange. We were at the family dinner when Joe had the heart attack. Oliver went in the ambulance to the hospital and Jessica and I followed.

Oliver Cooper

We were at the hospital because dad had a heart attack at the family dinner. I hate going to that, everyone has to follow his weird seating rules, like Jess and Helen have to sit on the same side of the table. Anyway, Jess called the ambulance when dad collapsed and I went with him and Roy to the hospital. Oh and Kathy came too... she could have stayed behind. She's just a gold digger in my books and I don't mind telling her that to her face.

Jessica Cooper

Monica always had Grandpa Joe wrapped around her little finger. I bet she only came off tour to make sure she was still in his will before he died. It's no secret we didn't get along and the way she played grandpa sickened me. Poor grandpa though, having a heart attack at family dinner... gives me another reason to hate it. It's so stupid, I'm not even allowed to sit directly next to my parents! Anyway, I didn't know what was happening when grandpa collapsed and I just called the ambulance without thinking. Lucky I did, although the doctor arrived somehow before the ambulance.

Roy Patterson

I've been the family doctor for many many years so I knew Monica most of her life. She was a sweet girl but a little troubled when she was younger... often a bit of a

hypochondriac for attention. She's not the first child I've treated for fake symptoms and she won't be the last. She grew out of it, as most kids do.

Kathy Nichols

Monica was sweet enough but I think she felt a little threatened by me sometimes, just because of how close she and Joe were. He wanted her in the family business but she was more interested in the band. I'm surprised Jessica has such a passion for the business... they say left handers are more creative than business minded but I guess that doesn't ring true for Jessica. I was talking to her about it at the family dinner when Joe had the heart attack. It was terrible, I felt so helpless. I went in the ambulance with Joe, Oliver and the doctor. I wish I hadn't though... Oliver accused me of being with Joe only for his money. It's an old story with him... he's just insecure about his place in Joe's will.

Kevin Banks

Monica was leaving the band, she just didn't know it. I was under pressure from regular venues to replace her with Betty. As the band manager I have to do what's best for everyone and the band as a unit. The only reason I hadn't fired her yet was because she actually formed the band and thought it was hers, and I hadn't figured out a diplomatic way of handling.

Frank Dawson

Monica was a good kid and she and Joe were really close. She *did* like to make up stories though. I think she felt uneasy about being adopted and sometimes she'd try to create drama. Kathy called me from the hospital the night of the heart attack to let me know what was happening. She'd gone in the ambulance with Joe so I went to pick her up.