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Witness One:  •Old Man  •Lives on 3rd floor, above father and the boy and hears them fighting  •12:10 am hears "I'm gonna kill you" then hears a body hit the floor  •Runs to the door to see the boy running by	<ul> <li>No way the old man could have heard "I'll kill you" over the el train passing and then the body hit the floor.</li> <li>No way the old man could have seen the boy run out of the building b/c he could't walk fast enough</li> </ul>
Witness Two:  •Older woman •Has known the boy all her life and lives across the street •Wakes up in the middle of the night, looks out the window, across the street, through the windows of the empty el-train and sees the boy stab the father •The time is 12:10 am exactly	<ul> <li>difficult to see through the windows of a passing el train</li> <li>-woman wears glasses so her vision is in question</li> <li>you wouldn't wear your glasses in the middle of the night</li> </ul>
Witness Three:  People that live across the hall from the boy and the father  At 8:00, heard arguing and then heard the boy leave	
Boy - Alibi	The boy was at the movies from 11:30 until 3:15 am. The murder supposedly took place at 12:10 am. The boy would have been at the theater at the time of the murder.
Boy - Admits to buying the knife which is (unique)	Claims the knife fell out of a hole in his pocket  - Juror # 8 was able to buy the same knife in the boy's neighborhood  - Knife is not as unique as they thought
Boy - He said "I'll kill you" to his father	- People say that all the time and don't mean it

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Stab Wound - at a downward angle	- the boy was an experienced knife fighter and would probably have stabbed his father at an upward angle - that is the way switch- blades are used