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Implicate – involve

These terms are not synonymous, even though they are often used interchangeably.

If you were to say that a person is involved in a criminal matter, you are saying that he has some connection with it, and it may be that he was unwilling or it was inadvertent.

When you say that he was implicated in the crime, you are saying that there is some guilt on his part.

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