

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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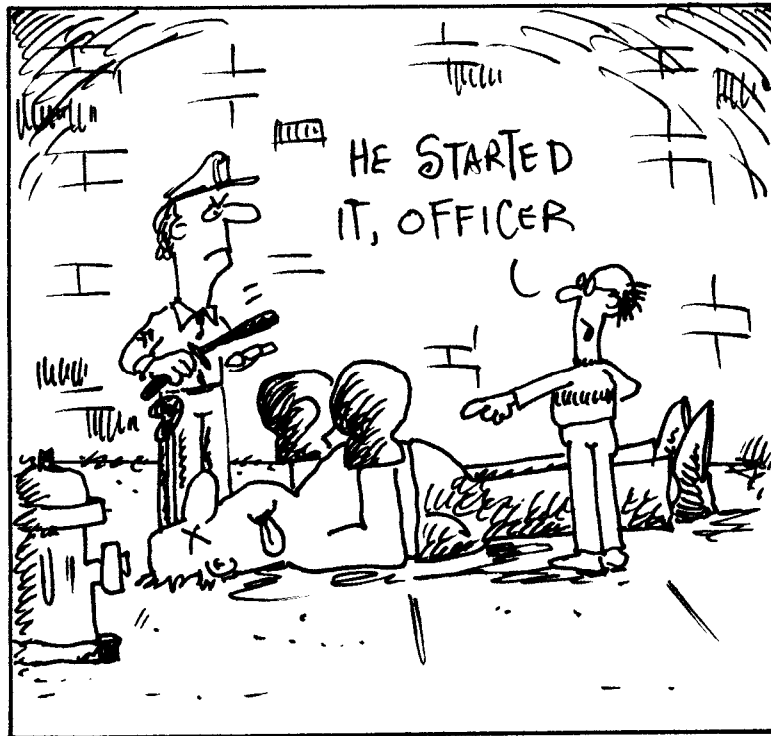
You be the Judge

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You be the Judge is a legal puzzle designed to exercise your mind and reasoning power. Read the facts of this real life court case. Then put your judgment against that of the real jury or trial judge.

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28. The Belligerent Victim



Charles was involved in a fight with Harold. As a result of the fight, Harold dies of injuries inflicted by Charles and Charles claims Harold started the fight. Harold dies before the police and paramedics arrive to investigate the incident. The police subsequently arrest Charles for voluntary manslaughter. Charles seeks to show that the deceased had a reputation for violence and that this evidence would show that the deceased, more likely than not, was the first aggressor. Charles's defense to the crime is he was acting in self-defense because Harold attempted to strike him first.

Is the evidence of Harold's prior conduct admissible?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
