

# ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

## Opening Activity

### You be the Judge

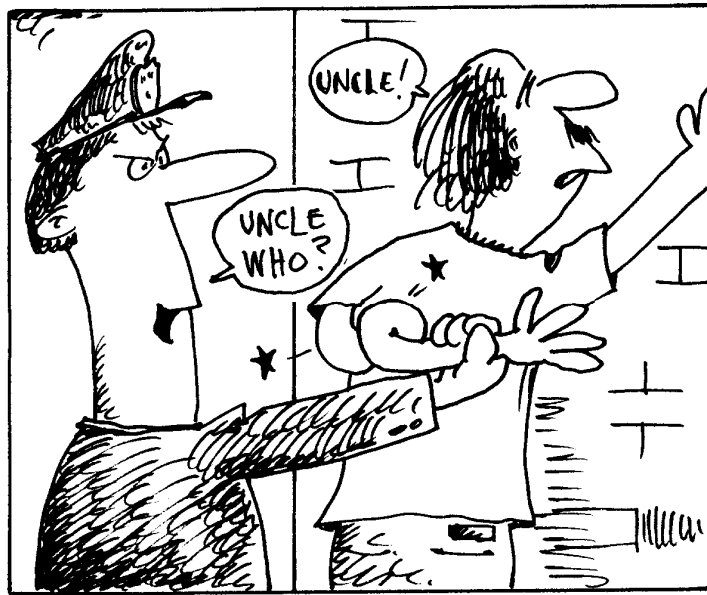
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***You be the Judge*** is a legal puzzle designed to exercise your mind and reasoning power. Read the facts of this real life court case. Then put your judgment against that of the real jury or trial judge.

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***Before a confession can be admitted as evidence, the prosecution must show that it has been given freely and voluntarily, without fear of consequences or violence on the part of arresting officers.***

### 18. All is Fair in Crime and Justice?



Sam kidnapped a beautiful young girl named Sarah one Saturday night from a dance. He was arrested by the police several days later as he was trying to collect a ransom for her return. Sam's accomplice was apparently holding Sarah at a motel and was going to shoot her if the ransom was not paid. The police twisted Sam's arm behind his back, placed him in a choke hold, and physically beat him with police batons until he revealed the location of the motel. After the police rescued Sarah, Sam voluntarily gave the police a complete written signed confession hoping to get a better deal in court. The prosecution seeks to put the confession in evidence but the defense argues Sam's confession was involuntary because of the violence used by the police.

Should Sam's confession be admissible?

How do you think the case should have been decided?

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