

# ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

## Opening Activity

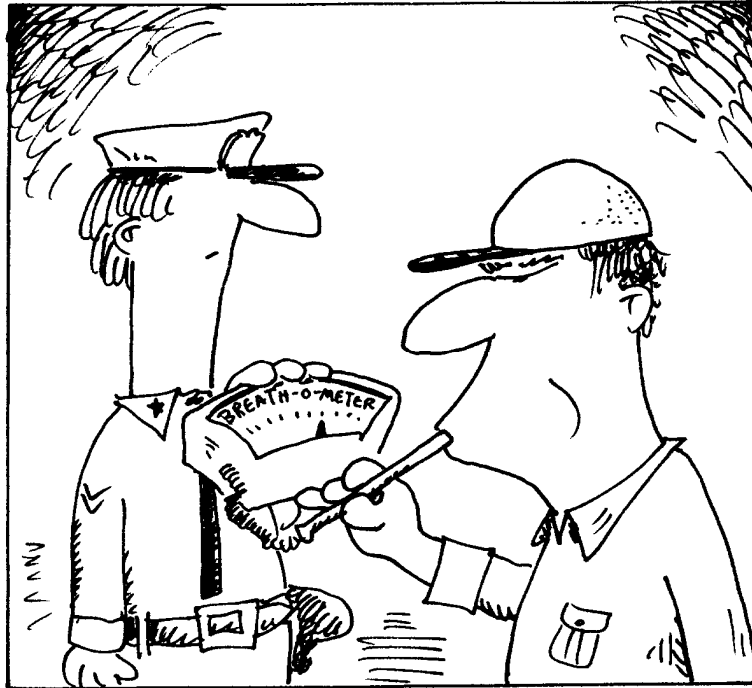
### You be the Judge

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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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## 21. It Was Not My Fault, Why Am I Going to Jail?



Samuel Meade was driving along Main Street minding his own business at the posted speed limit on New Year's Eve in the right hand lane of two west bound lanes at approximately 11:00 pm. He was on his way home from a company New Year's party after work where alcoholic beverages had been served. Samuel had been drinking cocktails at the party with friends for four hours before starting home. While approaching a local liquor store on the right side of the road, an east bound vehicle suddenly made a left turn directly in his path. Samuel's vehicle struck the turning vehicle that was being driven by an intoxicated driver (Robert Owens) who made an illegal left turn by failing to yield the right-of-way to Samuel. When the police arrived Robert Owens was given field sobriety tests (which he failed) and was immediately arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and causing the accident. While police interviewed Samuel about the accident the police noticed an odor of an alcoholic beverage on Samuel's breath and asked him to perform a series of field sobriety tests which he failed. Samuel could not believe it when the police arrested him for not doing anything wrong and not even seeing him driving the car.

**Did the police make an improper arrest since Samuel did not violate the law? EXPLAIN**

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