

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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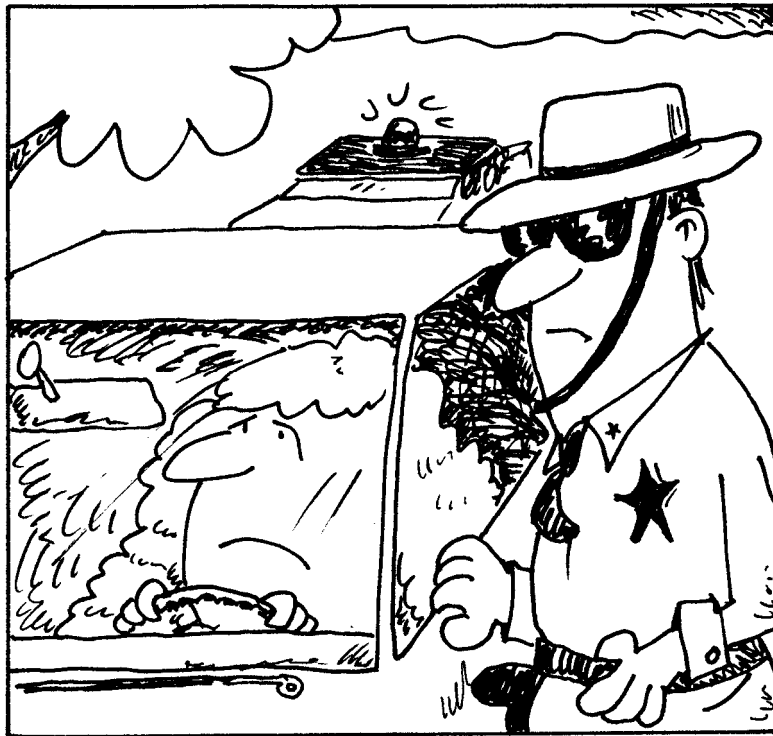
You be the Judge

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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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23. On the Run or Not on the Run?



Karen is currently on trial for the offense of murder. The prosecution wants to show that, at some point after the murder had been committed, the accused, Karen, was arrested for reckless driving and evading arrest. Police had tried to stop Karen for speeding and ended up chasing her at high speeds for over an hour until she ran out of gas. Karen attempted to bribe the arresting officer to no avail and she eventually escaped from the police station. The police were not aware of her involvement in the murder until after her escape from the jail. The defense argues that this evidence of her conduct is not relevant to the murder charge and should not be allowed at trial.

Is the evidence admissible?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
