

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

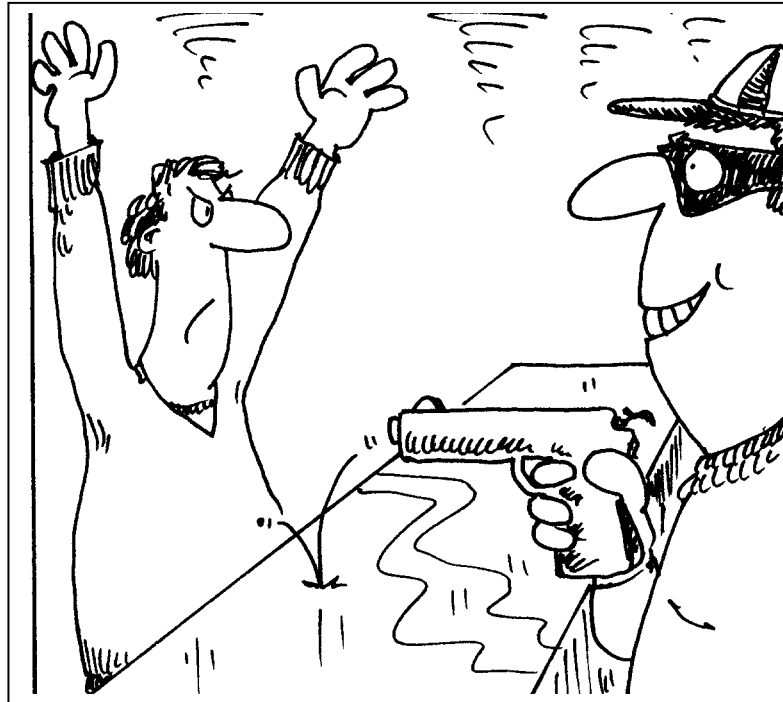
You be the Judge

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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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25. Too Rob or Not to Rob



William walked into a local donut shop while armed with a B-B gun. The B-B gun looked very authentic and could easily be mistaken to be a real .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. The only thing that was not the same as a real gun was this one fired B-Bs by means of a spring and not actual bullets. William demanded money from the cash register or he would shoot the clerk. The store clerk informed the police he was in fear of his life at the time of the act because he believed the gun was real and gave William all of the money in his register. William is charged with robbery and using a firearm in the commission of a criminal offense. William argues that he did not commit a robbery because the gun was not real and at most should be convicted of a theft. William argues that "firearm" should be defined as a weapon that fires a projectile by means of gunpowder and he used a B-B gun.

**How do you think William's case will turn out, will he be convicted of theft or robbery?
EXPLAIN YOUR DECISION FULLY**
