

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

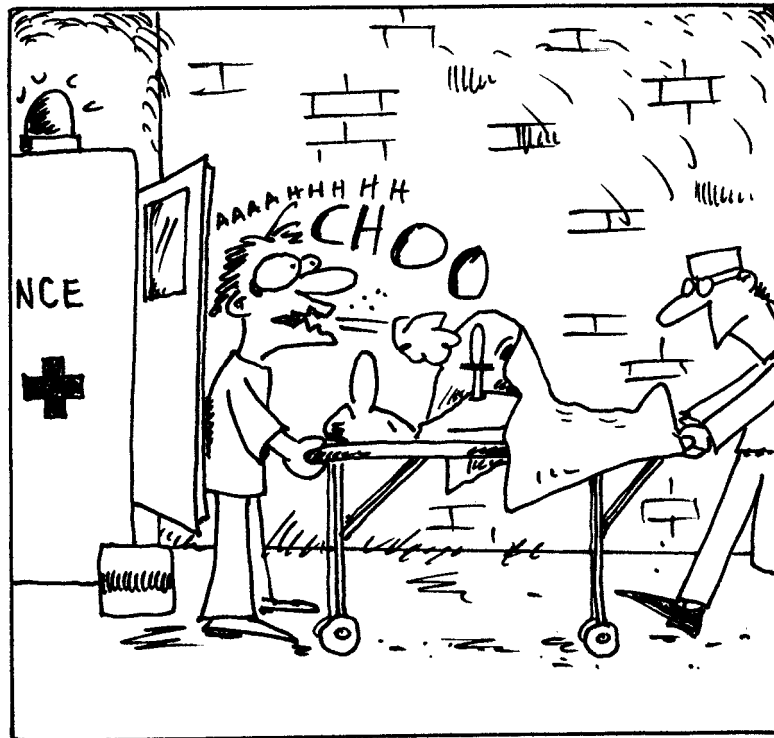
You be the Judge

Name: _____ Period: _____ Row: _____ Date: _____

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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27. The Knife or the Scalpel



Bill and his girlfriend Mary were attending a birthday party at a friend's home. After several hours at the party Bill told Mary he was going to drive to the local market to get some more beer for the party. When he returned he found his girlfriend dancing with one of his worst enemies Carl. Bill got into an argument with Carl and they began pushing, shoving each other around and eventually began punching one another. In a fit of rage Bill went to the kitchen, obtained a knife and stabbed Carl several times. Carl was taken to the closest hospital where he eventually died of pneumonia because of negligent medical treatment of the stab wound inflicted by Bill. Bill was charged with murder.

Is Bill guilty of committing a murder?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
