

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

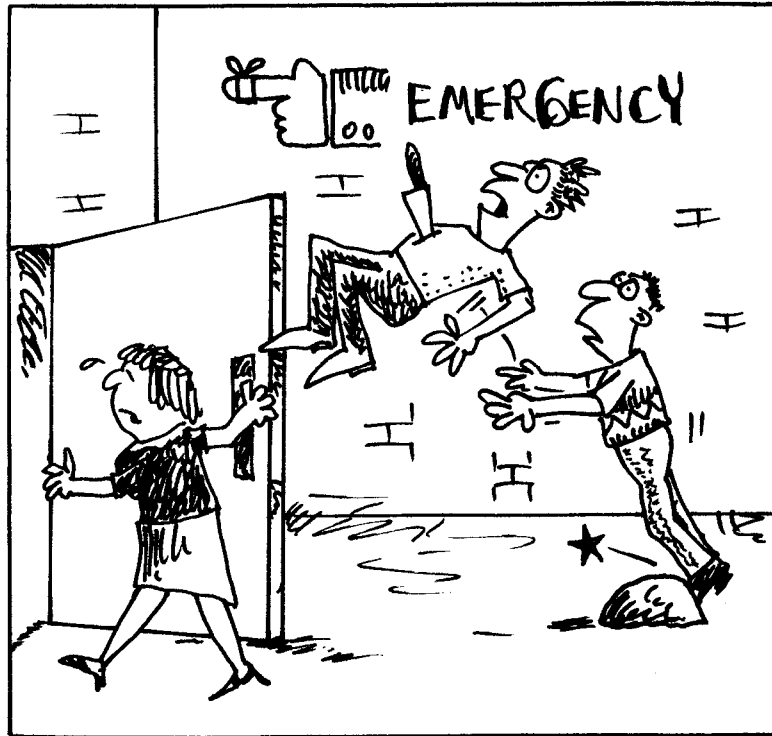
You be the Judge

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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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36. Stabbed and Lack of Proper Medical Aid



Mary stabbed her husband Ron during an argument when she confronted her husband about having an affair with her best friend. The police requested that Ron be transported to the local hospital by ambulance. While hospital staff carried Ron into the emergency room from the ambulance he was dropped twice because the pavement was wet due to heavy rain. During the initial examination in the emergency room the attending physician determined Ron needed a blood transfusion. It turns out the hospital had no facilities to provide the needed blood transfusion that would be necessary. Had the victim received the necessary blood transfusion, he would have had a 75 percent chance of survival. The victim died within an hour of his arrival in the emergency room because he bled to death without the necessary blood transfusion. Should Mary be charged with assault with a deadly weapon, murder or voluntary manslaughter?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
