

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

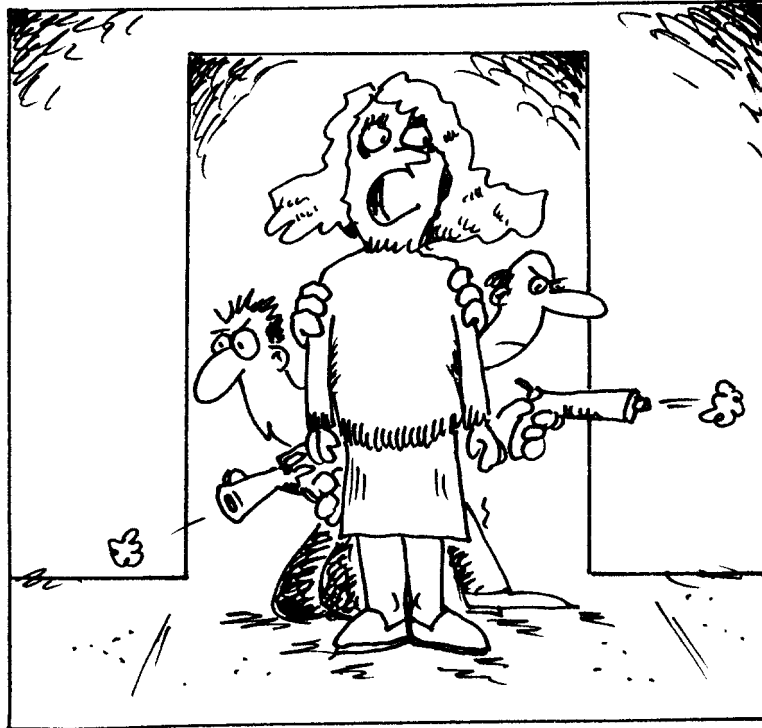
Opening Activity

You be the Judge

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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39. The Fatal Hostage



George and Andy entered the First Interstate Bank and committed an armed robbery. During the robbery a bank employee was able to activate a silent alarm resulting in the local police surrounding the bank. When George and Andy realized their dilemma they took an employee, Catherine, hostage to assist in their escape. Upon leaving the bank with their hostage a pitched gun battle between the police and the bank robbers ensued. As a result of the gun battle Catherine was shot and killed by the police. George and Andy were subsequently arrested after they surrendered. George and Andy are charged with the murder of Catherine. Their lawyers argue that they cannot be held responsible for the death of Catherine since the police caused the death of Catherine, not George and Andy.

How do you think the case should be decided, are George and Andy guilty of murder?
