

# 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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### 35. It Was Just A Joke



Marvin was a good student in school but was always considered to be a mischievous teenager. One Sunday afternoon when Marvin was really bored he decided to play a practical joke on motorists by bending the stop sign at the corner of his street and Highland Avenue. The area was considered a rural part of the city, not a lot of homes, with a lot of old shade trees and shrubbery. Larry Nixon was driving his car north bound on Morningside Lane (Marvin's street) and did not see the bent stop sign. He drove into the intersection with Highland Avenue and collided with a vehicle driven by Jessica Lang. The impact was heard six to seven houses away and neighbors ran to the collision scene to provide help. A witness came forward and informed the police they had seen Marvin bend the sign shortly before the accident. As a result of the collision Marvin was arrested and charged by police with negligent homicide.

**How do you think this case will be decided, will he be found guilty or not guilty? EXPLAIN**

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