

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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46. Taking the Law In His Own Hands



Sean shot a long time enemy of his named Jerry in the abdomen during an argument. The medical examiners report indicated the gunshot wound was mortal and would normally have caused death within one hour. Before Jerry could die from the gunshot wound, he slit his own throat with a knife. The throat wound would normally result in a person bleeding to death within five minutes. Jerry bled to death within 4 minutes of his self inflicted throat wound. Sean was arrested by the police and charged with the murder of Jerry.

Is Sean guilty of murder?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
