

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

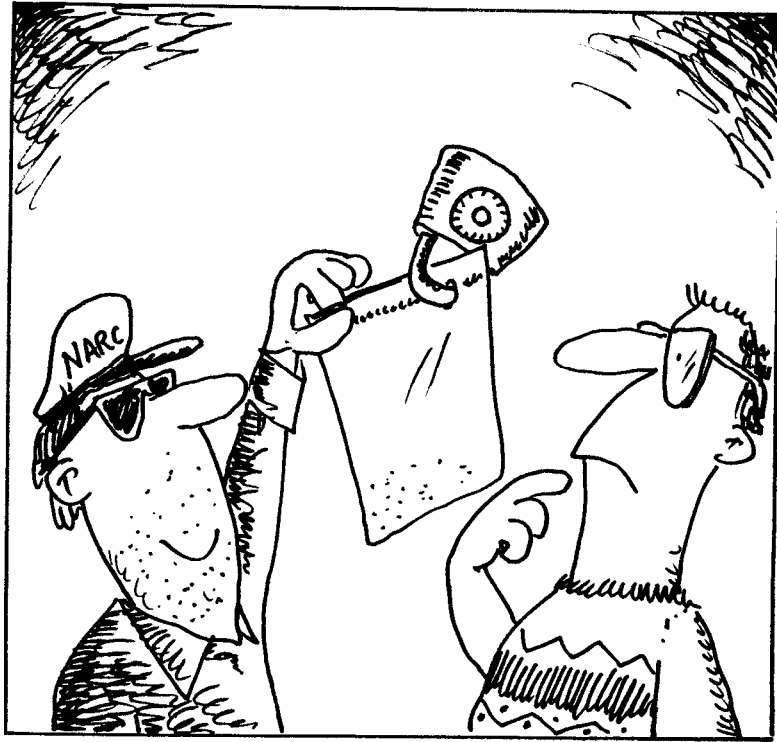
You be the Judge

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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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52. Too Open or Not To Open the Bag



A reliable government informant contacted Jack, and told him that he had some cocaine available for purchase. Jack told the informant that he had \$35,000 to spend on the drugs and that he would meet with the informer the following day. When Jack met with the informant he was unaware that an undercover police officer posing as a dealer was also present. The undercover officer took Jack to a nearby hotel room where Jack asked to see the cocaine. The officer refused to open the bag until he could see the money, but Jack would only produce his money if the bag was opened. They argued for several minutes and Jack left with no money or drugs exchanged. Jack was arrested later and charged with attempting to purchase cocaine with the intent to distribute.

Is Jack guilty?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
