

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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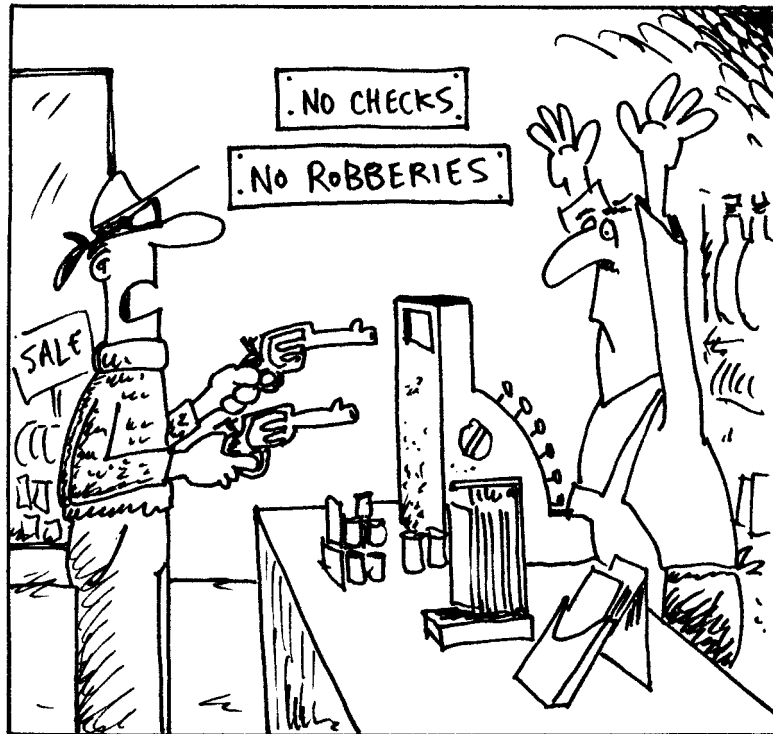
You be the Judge

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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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33. The Liquor Store Robbery



Tim had been unemployed for over six months and was in desperate need of money. One day he decided to try committing some burglaries in the hope of finding some money. After several burglaries all he had to show for his efforts were two loaded handguns he found in a closet at one of the houses he broke into. Tim decided to use the guns to commit a robbery at a local liquor store to get the money he needed. Following the crime the police used a surveillance camera tape from the store to help them identify Tim as the primary suspect. The police later arrested Tim and he was charged with armed robbery. Since Tim used a firearm to commit the offense he was also charged with being in possession of a loaded firearm in a public place.

Can Tim be tried and convicted of both offenses?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
