

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.

30. Caught in the Act!



Adam and his accomplice Harrold planned a burglary of a local department store so they could obtain merchandise to sell for drug money. At approximately 3:00 a.m. on a Christmas morning they were busy swinging their pick and hammer trying to break through the rear wall of a well known department store. The two men selected this particular day because they felt they would be less likely to be caught. Unfortunately for the pair of would be burglars an alert police officer heard the noise they were making while on routine patrol. The officer parked her patrol car a few hundred feet away and quietly walked up behind the two catching them by surprise. When she confronted the two would be thieves she could see they had broken about half way through the wall. They were both placed under arrest for breaking and entering with the intent to commit theft.

Are they guilty of the crime breaking and entering with the intent to commit theft?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
