

# ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

## Opening Activity

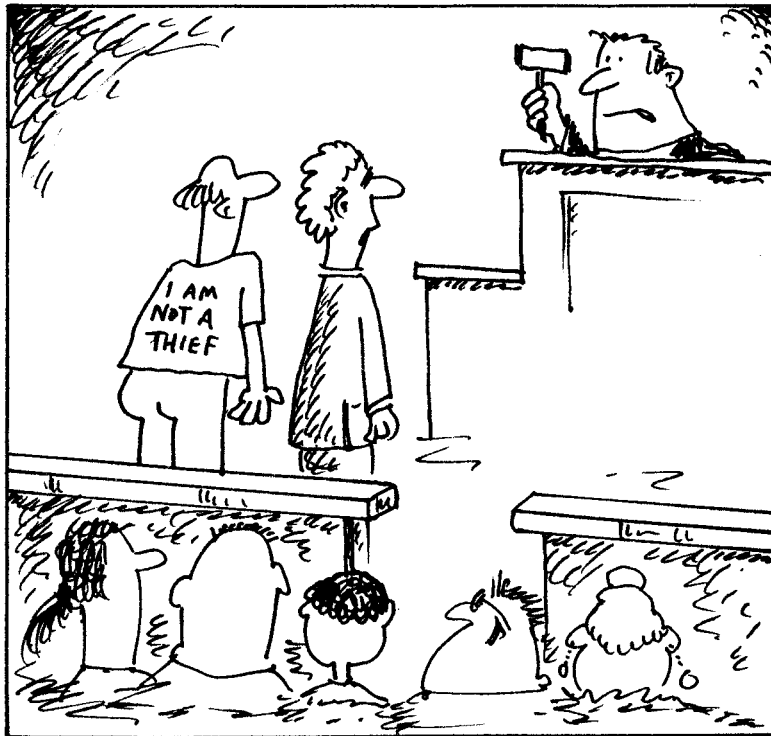
### You be the Judge

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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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### 34. Burglarized Burglar?



Allen was arrested and charged with burglary of a Las Vegas home. A witness who chased him testified in court that the thief was wearing a white tee shirt with an emblem on the back, blue jeans and tennis shoes. The witness also stated that Allen ran across a patch of red dirt in his escape attempt. Allen was spotted minutes later by the police walking down a nearby street and based on the witnesses description arrested. When booked, the police placed his clothes in a personal property bag. At the trial, Allen's attorney asked that his clothing be produced, in order to help show that he was not the thief. When the bag was opened, no shoes or pants were found only the shirt. Allen's attorney asks that the charge be dismissed on the basis that important evidence has been lost by the prosecution.

**How do you think the case should have been decided – should the charge be dismissed?**

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