

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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36. The Would Be Pickpocket



Betty was walking through a crowded mall during the Christmas holidays. She was bumped by another shopper and felt a hand in her pocket. She immediately grabbed the wrist of Sally who was apparently attempting to commit a theft. Betty restrained the would be pick pocket while witnesses called the police. The police questioned Betty, Sally and witnesses and later arrested Sally charging her with attempted theft. It turned out that there was nothing of value in the pocket to have been stolen.

Is Sally guilty of the crime of attempt?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
