

Question #1

Doug planned a holiday party at his house to show off his new art acquisitions. He went to ABC Liquors and told the clerk, Clark, about his plans. Clark said he was a master mixer of beverages and offered to bartend. Clark asked for \$100 to purchase supplies and Doug wrote a check. That night Doug went to the movies. When he returned home his front door was ajar and his dog was running in the street. Doug picked up a stick and entered quietly. He found no one inside, so brought the dog in, locked the door and went to bed. The next morning he realized his laptop was missing. Doug went back to the liquor store to check on Clark and found he'd quit the day before. Doug bought some beverages and returned home. That night there was a funny sound outside. Doug stepped out and walked around the porch. Finding nothing he returned inside. There stood Clark, with a gun in one hand and Doug's Picasso in the other. Clark shot Doug twice and ran out with the painting. Doug survived, and Clark was arrested with \$100 in his pocket. Clark told police that Doug's ex-wife Lois asked him to take the Picasso because Doug had cheated on her. When recovered, what was thought to be a Picasso was actually a paint by numbers creation. Doug confronted Lois who laughed that his dog would let anyone inside and threw a vase at him, hitting him on the arm. Doug grabbed a laptop from the table and took it home thinking it was his, opened it and found it was not, but kept it anyway.

What if any crimes were committed by the parties? Answer at common and modern law.

Question #2

Bart was a master gardener. He grew roses and raspberries to sell at the farmers markets. Harriet was Bart's paid helper. She was invited to a party and decided to help herself to raspberries for a cobbler. While Bart was gone she picked a bushel of berries and left. When she got home she left the bushel on her porch while she ran to the store. Harriet forgot her purse, so put the flour and sugar in a cereal box, paid for the cereal and left. While Harriet was at the store, Carl walked by, spotted the berries and carried them away. When Harriet returned, she went to Bart to find out if he'd taken the berries. Angered, Bart fired Harriet. Harriet decided to keep the truck she'd been given to transport roses to clients' homes, and drove it home. Bart went to Harriet's to retrieve the truck that evening while Harriet was at her party, and saw the key on the table inside. He entered and spotted a diamond necklace by the key and put both in his pocket, then got in his truck and drove away. Carl stopped at a pub on the way home with the berries. He traded the bushel for a pitcher of Bud, and then remarked on the election to the guy on the next barstool, Bernie. When he heard who Carl voted for, Bernie gave him a hard shove, causing Carl to fall to the ground. When the bartender told Bernie to take it outside, Bernie pulled out his gun and shot him in the chest, killing him, then finished off Carl's pitcher of beer. When Harriet found the truck and necklace missing she went back to Bart's property and set the raspberry patch on fire then ran away. The flames reached the porch steps before the fire was put out.

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