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(One Hour)**

Skip needed a new iPhone but he didn't have enough money to buy one. He decided to pawn his mother's jewelry to get some cash. Skip's mom was very elderly and she kept her jewelry in a shoebox in her closet at the nursing home where she lived. Skip never visited his mom and the staff at the facility didn't know who he was. Skip signed in as "Jack Johnson" at the front desk. He kept the pen so that there would be no fingerprints left behind. Skip wasn't sure which room was his mom's. He went in the first open door and found an elderly man sitting in a chair by the window. The man had dementia and thought Skip was his son. Skip played along and noticed the old man was wearing a Rolex watch. He admired it and asked if he could have it to remember his "father" by. The old man was touched by his "son's" interest and handed the watch right over to Skip. Skip didn't want the old man to tell anyone what he'd done, so he smothered the old man with a pillow until he stopped breathing. Skip closed the door to the old man's room behind him and broke off the doorknob so the body wouldn't be discovered right away.

Skip finally found his mother, but she was playing bingo and smoking legal medicinal marijuana in the day use room. The bingo game had only just started and Skip's mom refused to take him to her room until it was over. Hoping to put an early end to the bingo game, Skip grabbed the joint from her mouth and threw it in the recycle bin with a bunch of newspapers. The staff had to immediately clear the day use room while they doused the smoking newspapers with water.

Skip's mom didn't suspect anything was amiss and took Skip right to her room. Skip wasted no time looking for the shoebox in the closet. It wasn't there. He pulled his switchblade from his pocket and held it at his mom's neck, demanding to know where the shoebox was. His mother was terrified and told him it was in the bedside table. Skip grabbed the shoebox full of jewelry and left for the pawnshop.

Please discuss all potential crimes Skip may have committed. Discuss both common law and modern law crimes, as applicable.