

Question 1 – One Hour

Amy was envious of her neighbor Bob's outdoor holiday display. She especially liked the inflated Christmas cow that adorned the front lawn. Thinking that it would look great on her boyfriend Carl's lawn, she decided to sneak over to Bob's house late one night and take it. Amy quietly crept over to Bob's lawn to learn that the cow was plugged in with the cord going through Bob's front window. She gave it a swift tug, but it would not dislodge. She opened the window and crawled in. Amy followed the cord to its socket, unplugged it, and headed back toward the window. On the way out, she saw what she believed to be her missing earrings on a table. She grabbed the earrings, along with the cord and crawled back out the window, she headed back towards her house with the deflated cow in tow. The earrings were actually a pair purchased by Bob for his girlfriend.

Bob, hearing a noise looked out his window and saw his cow headed down the road. He ran out of the house and gave chase. While doing so, he tripped and fell over a sprinkler head, smacking his head on the adjoining pavement. Bob died.

The next day, Amy surprised Carl with the cow. Unbeknownst to Amy, Carl hates cows. He took out a butcher knife and popped the inflated animal. He held the knife to Amy and threatened that he never wanted to see a cow again. Amy, upset at her kind gesture, grabbed Carl's nose ring and gave it a hard yank. The force caused a large chunk of Carl's nose to dislodge from his face.

What crime or crimes have been committed by the parties, if any?

Answer at common law and modern law, if applicable.

Question 2 – One Hour

Donna was fired and asked to leave her bookkeeping job after her boss, Efrain, suspected her of taking company money. Donna had not taken the money. She was so upset at the false accusation that she took \$1,000 from the wall safe before she left.

Crying, Donna headed for the front door with a large box of personal items in hand. Donna's coworker, Franci, asked her why she was so upset. Donna explained that she had just been unjustly fired for stealing, her rent was late, her bills were piling up, her husband had just left her, and that her dog had died. Franci, sporting a large new diamond ring, laughed, and said, "Well, I am glad it was you and not me, because I have been taking money from Efrain for years." Furious, Donna smacked Franci hard with the heavy box knocking her to the floor. Donna, scared and desperate pulled the diamond ring off of Franci's finger just moments before Franci died from the massive head injury.

The next day, Donna went to a local pawn shop to sell the ring. She told George, the sales associate, that the ring was a family heirloom and that she needed money more than a ring. George, thinking that the ring was stolen, told Donna that it was not real gold or a real diamond. In fact, George knew that it was real gold and a very expensive diamond. He offered her \$5.00. George knew that the value was actually \$5,000. Donna rejected the offer and left with the ring.

While pulling out of the parking lot, Donna saw Efrain. She tried to run him over, but he was able to jump out of the way just in time.

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