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(One Hour)

It was a cold and gray afternoon so Betty decided to go the public library. Betty brought her laptop along as she planned to get online when she stopped for a coffee at the corner café. Betty knew the café didn't have free Wi-Fi, but she thought she had a way to it. At the café, she ordered her coffee and asked the barista for the Wi-Fi password. The barista told Betty she could only give the password to Coffee Club members. Even though she wasn't one, Betty assured the barista she was a Club member. The barista gave her the password. As Betty sipped her coffee and checked her emails, she noticed initials carved into the table top. She decided it was a neat idea, and scratched her initials "B.A.D." (for Betty Alyssa Donovan) on the table, too. Done with her coffee, Betty left for the library.

Marvin, unemployed and homeless, followed Betty closely down the street begging her for some money. Betty thought he was an undercover cop and she feared getting arrested by him so she started to run. Betty abandoned her purse in the bushes because it was slowing her down, but kept her laptop clutched to her chest. Betty picked up some speed but soon tripped on the sidewalk and fell into the path of Skip, a bike messenger. Skip was going too fast and he'd had a few bong hits before his shift started. He failed to avoid hitting Betty. Betty's head hit the ground hard, knocking her out. Skip ran into the café to get help. Meanwhile, Marvin grabbed Betty's purse from the bushes, and gently eased her laptop from under her unconscious body. He hid in the nearby alley. Betty died from her head injury a few minutes later.

Tony came upon Marvin in the alley and saw him trying to access Betty's laptop. Tony was sure the laptop wasn't Marvin's. Marvin cowered against a dumpster as Tony ripped the laptop from Marvin's hands. Tony immediately went to find out whose laptop it really was. He was hoping there might be some reward money.

Marvin was left with Betty's purse. He found Betty's library card inside. Marvin was a voracious reader of self-help books and he figured he could use Betty's card in order to avoid having to return any books he checked out. Luckily for Marvin, the librarian didn't question the library card and was able to check out a big stack of books.

If Betty had lived, what crimes, if any, did she commit? What crimes, if any, did the others commit?

Answer at both common and modern law as applicable.