

### Question #1 – One Hour

The taiko drumming class gathered for their final practice session before the Cherry Blossom Festival. Bill watched Don enter the classroom arm in arm with Judy, Bill's wife until three weeks earlier when she'd served him with divorce papers. Bill followed them into the room and picked up his drum. He began beating it even before the instructor arrived. The others frowned at his behavior and Bill beat his drum louder. Sal asked Bill to stop and Bill grabbed him by the throat. They struggled for a bit until Bill took his drum and threw it at Don. The drum missed Don, but ricocheted off a wall and, quite by accident, killed Sal.

Fleeing with other students, Della asked the instructor, Al, for a refund of her tuition. When he refused, Della took what she believed was her drum with her. When she discovered Al's initials on the drum three days later, Della thought about returning it to him, but instead listed it on Ebay for \$500. Before anyone bought it, Al went to Della's house, and finding no one home, went in and recovered the drum. While there he scoured the fridge and consumed a beer and piece of cherry pie. He grabbed some of the tomatoes growing on a vine from her yard as he was leaving. Al was confronted by local thug Riley as he left Della's house. Riley asked for the drum and grabbed it. The two struggled and Riley ran off empty handed. It turned out that Pat the Policeman was trying to build a case against Riley and had offered Riley \$1,000 if Riley would bring Pat a "hot" drum.

Beating a drum with the intent to annoy others is a felony in the jurisdiction where the incident took place.

What if any crimes occurred? Discuss at common and modern law.

### **Question #2 – One Hour**

Early one evening Kim set about hiding Easter eggs in her backyard for the party to begin shortly. She was confronted by Gary while in her garage to retrieve more eggs; he brandished a gun and demanded that she give him her valuables. She went back into the yard, pointed to her prized potted peonies, then ran into the house, locking the door behind her. Gary pulled up the peonies, picked up the eggs she left behind, and walked off. As Kim ran to the phone to call 911 she noticed a stranger in the living room who introduced himself as Bill. Bill had a funny expression on his face, and when Kim looked closer she saw that he held her mother's gold watch. She asked him about the watch and Bill produced a gun which he pointed at her. He said she wasn't supposed to be in his mother's house or in possession of his mother's watch, or else the aliens would not take him to their star station. Kim grabbed the fireplace poker, yelled "Die, you nut case!" and struck Bill on the head almost killing him. Kim went upstairs to check on her children and found her neighbor Sally hiding under the bed. Sally said that Bill had come to her house and threatened to kill her if she didn't help him find his mother's jewelry. On the other hand, he would give her the \$1,000 bill he held in his hand if she would help him. Sally was short of cash at the time. She told him that the jewelry was in Kim's house, took him to the house and opened the door with the spare key Kim always left under the mat.

What if any crimes occurred? Discuss common and modern law.