

CATEGORY: CRIMES

Law Studies & Exams – Midterm
(1 Hour)

To avoid a large penalty, Ted needed to pay his property tax by 5 p.m. on April 10th. By noon on tax day, he had only managed to gather half of the \$1,000 he needed. The tax collector would not accept a partial payment. It was all or nothing.

Ted “borrowed” some money from the cash register at Big Box Store, where he worked as a cashier. But he was only able to obtain \$300 from the register and was still \$200 short. Ted told his co-worker, Cal, of his dilemma. “I think the manager, Mike, keeps some cash in the office,” said Cal. “I’d lend you some money, but I’m flat broke.” Ted waited until Mike was called to help a difficult customer, and then snuck into the office. He looked everywhere until he finally saw the locked safe and realized he could not open that.

It was 4 p.m. by this point and Ted was getting desperate. He recalled Mike saying he always kept some cash at home for emergencies, so Ted found Mike’s home address in the personnel file and went to his house. When he reached the house, he found a money clip containing \$100 that someone had dropped on the front porch. “Well, that’s lucky,” he thought as he pocketed the money. But he was still \$100 short of his goal.

Ted was checking whether there were any unlocked doors or windows when Mike’s wife drove up. She screamed when Ted knocked the groceries from her arms, grabbed her purse, and ran with it. Ted found \$100 in the purse and drove quickly across town to the drive-through tax collection tent. It was 30 seconds before 5 p.m. when he reached the tax tent. Ted drove up so fast; he hit the tax collector, who died of his injuries.

Discuss all crimes.