

STUDENTS:

These are the rules and definitions that will help you understand “The Incident,” which was read during the “Ask the D.A.” Radio Show.

Topics:

Home Invasion

Burglary and Robbery

Rules

RULE 1 What is Burglary in the First Degree?

A person is guilty of burglary in the first degree when he knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in a home, with the intent to commit a crime, and causes physical injury to any person who is not a participant in the crime.

RULE 2 What is Robbery in the Second Degree?

A person is guilty of robbery in the second degree when he forcibly steals property and when during the crime he is aided by another person or persons actually present.

Definitions

DEFINITION 1 What is a Physical Injury?

Physical injury means impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.

DEFINITION 2 Crimes – Both Burglary and Robbery are crimes.

Brooklyn fifth-graders read “The Incident”.

HONEST ABE AND THE THREE STOOGES

Narrator 1: Abe L. while sitting at his computer takes a break from doing his civil war project by going on line and going into a chat room. While talking with some friends from school about the project and about a new music group called Dixie, he receives an instant message from a girl named Mary T. Abe L. opens the message.

Narrator 2: Abe L reads the message from Mary T.

Abe L: “Help - do you know anything about the civil war? I am desperate!”

Narrator 2: Abe L responds to the girls' message by typing back.

Abe L: "Of course I know about the Civil War. As a matter of fact, that's what I have been working on all weekend. The Civil War is my favorite subject".

Narrator 3: After talking about their projects, Mary T thanks him and asks if he is the smartest kid in his school. Over the next hour Mary T turns the conversation to personal matters about her. Abe L learns that she lives in the southern part of town and goes to the Appomattox Middle School in the southern part of the city. He also learns that she is 12 just like him. He is excited to hear that she is interested in music and a new group called Dixie and especially that she does not have a boyfriend. Mary T has 3 brothers and 1 sister. Her parents work all the time and own a bodega.

Narrator 1: Mary T. then becomes interested in Abe L. She begins to ask Abe L personal questions about him and his family. Abe L is excited that this girl is paying attention to him and replies with truthful information; after all he is a very honest person. Abe L types his response back.

Abe L: "I love music. I live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. I have no brothers or sisters. My parents work late every night. My Uncle Sam lives next door, but he never checks up on me. My parents are never home before 7:00PM

Narrator 2: Abe L and Mary T IM each other during the following week and agree to meet at the end of the week. With out ever meeting, Abe L feels that they are now friends. She tells him that she got a 95 on her project and wants to give Abe L a special present to thank him - she is going to come over at 6:00pm because her parents have a party on the north side of town on Gettysburg Street. She would only stay a minute so that she could show Abe L the project and give him his "special present". Abe responds.

Abe L: "Of course it's ok. I love presents. See you then".

Narrator 3: Abe starts talking out loud to himself

Abe L: "A girl is coming over here. Mom and Dad said none of my guy friends could come over when they are not home. They didn't say anything about girls, anyway her parents will be outside, and it will be ok. She just seems so sweet. I think I'll take a shower and comb my hair; she will be here in an hour. Where did dad put his cologne?"

Narrator 3: Abe gets ready. The door bell rings. Abe splashes on some of his father's cologne and runs to the door. As Abe opens the door he is surprised!

Abe L: "Mary? You're not Mary! "

Narrator 1: Abe is surprised to see three big men in dark masks in his door way. One of the men says...

Robert E: You must be the smartest kid in your class. I got a 95 on the project. Here is your present.

Narrator 2: The three men go into the home and rush Abe demanding money - Abe is hit over the head by Robert E. with a piece of wood and is knocked out.

Narrator 3: Abe L. wakes up with a bad headache and is dizzy. He is unable to talk but hears his mom crying and his dad's voice saying...

Mr. L: Abe are you all right? What happened to the house? It's all messed up. Where is our TV? What's that smell? Abe are you wearing my cologne?

Narrator 4: Abe's mom wipes away the blood from his head, cuts the tape that is holding him in the chair and peels tape off his mouth. Mr. L calls 911. All of Mrs. L's jewelry and the family's new big screen TV are missing. Abe is going to need a lot of stitches to close up his head injury.

Narrator 1: Mrs. L smells something familiar. She is putting pressure on Abe's head to stop the bleeding. As she gives Abe some water to drink – She asks Abe...

Mrs. L: Are you wearing your father's cologne?

Narrator 2: While Mr. L is on the phone with the 911 operator there is a knock on the door. It is a police officer named Grant.

PO Grant: "Excuse me folks, my partner and I stopped three men who were running down the street with a large screen TV 20 minutes ago. One of your neighbors who calls himself Sam saw the men coming out of your house."

Narrator 3: Officer Grant is holding three dark masks and piece of wood in her hand that Abe L. has seen before.

Abe L: "Officer, those are the masks the three men were wearing. They hit me with that piece of wood that you are holding.

Narrator 3: Grant gets on her radio talking with her partner.

PO Grant: "That's affirmative, please bring in the TV, base, this is Grant, requesting Sergeant Johnson respond to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue we are going to have three under arrest.

Narrator 4: While looking at Abe L. officer Grant asks Mr. and Mrs. L.

PO Grant: "What's that smell?"

