

Scenario 1

Sara, an eighteen-year old college student, is arrested for stealing a classmate's term paper and selling it on the Internet. When she appears before the judge, she asks for a lawyer to help defend her. The judge tells her if she is smart enough to be in college, she is smart enough to defend herself. Besides, she is not being charged with a felony, so the stakes are not very high

Scenario 2

A neighbor is suing the Joneses because a tree in the Joneses' yard fell on their roof during a hurricane. The neighbors want the Jones family to pay \$850 to have their roof repaired. Mr. Jones requests that a jury be present to hear this case. The judge says it is not necessary since the amount of the repairs is so small. The Jones family lives in Washington D.C.

Scenario 3

Carolyn is arrested for shoplifting a candy bar from a neighborhood convenience store. At trial, she is found guilty. The judge decides that the appropriate punishment is to cut off Carolyn's hands so that she will not be able to shoplift again.

Scenario 4

Mr. Reynolds, an avid hunter, opens the door of his home one day to find agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms outside. They inform him that certain provisions of a new federal law allow them to confiscate his rifles so that he may not engage in terrorist activities or plot against the United States government. They have no evidence that he is connected to any such activities.

Scenario 5

Your science teacher asks the class to exchange papers to correct last night's homework. Your friend, Jamie, refuses to do so and is sent to the principal

Scenario 6

Jesse, a fourteen-year old student, decides to protest the war in Iraq. He wears a T-shirt to school with a picture of the White House and the caption “Weapon of Massive Misinformation” His principal pulls Jesse aside and asks him not to wear the shirt again because it is disruptive to the learning environment. Jesse wears it the next week and is suspended from school for three days.

Scenario 7

Sixteen-year old Ryan is the captain of the football team. Before the Friday night game, he and his teammates are required to submit to a drug test. Ryan's test shows traces of marijuana. He is not allowed to participate in the game and he is suspended from school.

Scenario 8

A known drug dealer is arrested for suspected connections to an inner city murder. The police do not inform him of his rights and immediately begin to interrogate him. They continue until he admits he knows the victim of the crime and was in the neighborhood where the murder took place.

Scenario 9

Your parents are very religious people, but you are not. Today, your parents are going to a service at their place of worship and they expect you to come along. You refuse. They make you come anyway and they ground you for the following month.

Scenario 10

Because of the budget deficit, the United States government is looking for ways to cut costs. They have announced a plan during peacetime to house unmarried soldiers in the homes of American citizens who do not have children.

Scenario 11

Because Member of Congress are unhappy with students' standardized test scores in many states, they pass a federal law that abolishes local school boards and requires a standardized national curriculum

Scenario 12

You are in the security line at the airport. The transportation safety agent requires you to take off your coat, take off your shoes, and empty your pockets. The agent also completes a pat-down search.