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- What is the *actus reus*, level of *mens rea* (purposeful, knowing, reckless, or negligent), and is there concurrence?
 - As the prosecutor, would you bring charges against the suspect or would you drop the charges?
 - If you decide to charge a suspect or suspects, be sure to address the following: What would you charge them with and why? Would you consider offering a plea agreement? What sentence would you recommend?
 - If you decide not to charge a suspect or suspects, explain how you came to this conclusion.

In the first case, the *actus rectus* would be Johnny firing the gun, and hitting the neighbor's car. He was reckless in firing the gun. I believe this time I would bring additional charges to him. He wasn't in any immediate danger and neither was his mother. He is an adult and has assault already in his past. I would probably bring charges for the unregistered guns, unlawfully discharging one inside, and property damages to the neighbor's vehicle. He is of age, could have handled the situation without a gun, and was in no danger.

The action was that Tony hit Jake. Tony recklessly hit Jake in a fight with another student. Jake was trying to do the right thing. But jumped in when he was in no danger himself. As a prosecutor, if I would have to charge someone, I guess disorderly conduct would work. No history was reported, everyone had the same story. But Scott would be involved also in the disorderly.

The homeowner shot at an intruder. He did not harm him. He knowingly shot and caused no harm. Even though he used a weapon, he has justification and excuse defense. He was only acting to protect himself and his property. The person who broke in was arrested and charged with unlawful entry and attempted burglary. I think seeing's we can see that the person who broke in was at fault, there should be no other charges brought against anyone, especially the homeowner.

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