

Business & Criminal Law

Chapter 2 Test

Part 1: Compare & contrast the following (list 2)

→ murder vs. manslaughter

→ robbery vs. burglary

→ felony vs. misdemeanor

→ involuntary manslaughter vs. 1st degree murder

Part 2: Similarity (list 2)

→ Justifiable homicide & excusable homicide

Part 3: Short Answer

1. Explain at least one possible defense to a crime.
2. What are the 3 phases a death penalty must go through in order to be constitutional:
3. What is the method of execution in the state of Missouri?

Part 4: Cases

1. One sunny afternoon, John and Mike decided to set up cones in the middle of their neighborhood street to see who could weave in and out of them the fastest. As John was weaving around the third cone, he lost control of his car and drove through a neighbor's lawn killing a six-year old boy playing in his front yard. Explain what John might be charged with & why?
2. A man wearing a ski mask entered the lobby of a hotel and held the clerk at knifepoint demanding that she give him all the money from the cash registers. When the clerk refused, he became extremely angry and agitated. At the same time, he hears police sirens and realizes his plan has failed so in a panic, he stabs the clerk who later dies at the hospital. The man is caught and taken into custody. What will the prosecutor charge him with and WHY?

3. During the middle of the night, Debbie was awakened by the sound of footsteps. She quietly got out of bed, opened her nightstand drawer, grabbed a pistol and hid in the closet. As the intruder walked through her bedroom and toward the closet, Debbie grabbed a shoe and threw it at the intruder to try and escape. Her effort to escape failed and as the intruder wrestled her to the ground, she shot and killed him. Explain the outcome of Debbie's actions.

4. One morning Jan was driving to work. On her way to work she was driving through a school zone. She always made sure she was going the speed limit and today was no different. As she was passing the school a kid ran out in front of her car and she did not have time to stop. She hit and killed the kid the kid. What crime, if any, will Jan be charged with and why?

5. Alex Martin works as a cashier at Wal-Mart. A customer bought some groceries and gave the money to Alex. He pretended to put the money in the cash register but instead placed in into his own pocket. What crime did Alex commit & why?