

How Much Do YOU Know  
about the Laws that affect  
YOU?!



# Question 1

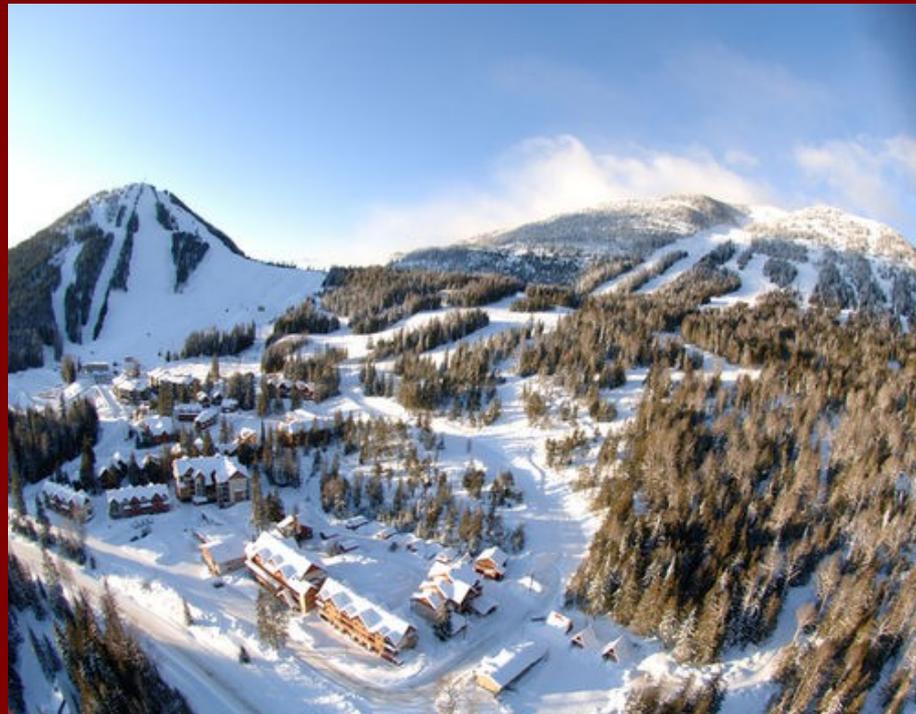
What is the Highest Court in Canada?





The Supreme Court of Canada

What is the Highest Court in British Columbia?





The Appeals Court of B.C.

Who has final approval of all laws made by the federal government ?

What is their name?





The Governor General of Canada, David Johnston

Who has final approval for all laws passed in British Columbia?





- Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Stephen Point

# Penitentiaries

What are the two major jails in the Victoria area?



# Penitentiaries

VIRCC or Vancouver  
Island Regional  
Correctional Centre  
AKA: Wilkie

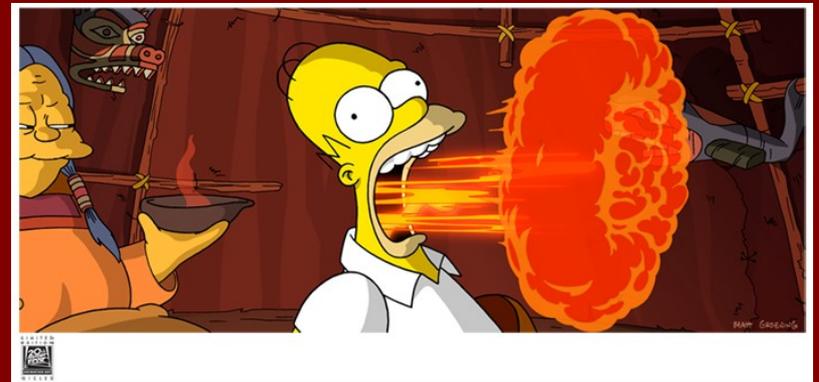


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# Scenario 1

If you buy 10 cans of gasoline, rags and store them with a 457 page journal that mentions how much you want to burn down your neighbour's house due to their constant Trail bashing can you be charged with attempted arson?



NO!!

You will not be charged as in Canada intent and action must be proven in all crimes.



# Scenario 2

Mortimer's girlfriend leaves him for Silas. Mortimer and his buddy Leo plan to assault Silas and rob him of his favourite AC/DC keychain. Hopped up on “Monster” drinks they go to the dance to get him. At the last minute they decide it is too risky and go home. Can they be charged?



# YES!!

More than one person has contributed to the plan and as a result this is conspiracy, even if they don't go through with it.



# Scenario 3

Mortimer tells Bort that he's breaking into a car. Bort doesn't want to go, but lends Mortimer a screwdriver he needs. Louann also doesn't want to help, but knows someone who may want to buy a stolen car stereo. Mortimer breaks in and steals Mr. Macri's stereo. Nervous, about being caught he goes to Yolanda's house. She had no prior knowledge of the theft, nor did she invite him over. She doesn't want him to get arrested so she allows him to keep the stereo in her basement until he can come and get it. Who can be charged in this scenario?



# EVERYBODY!!

- Mortimer is the perpetrator
- Bort is aiding
- LouAnn is counselling
- Yolanda is an accessory after the fact



# Scenario 4

- A sleepwalker heinously murders 13 people. Would they be convicted?



NO!!

They would be  
unable to form the  
intent to murder  
someone, also  
known as the mens  
rea.



# Scenario 5

Lola drinks 45 lucky's during Trail's Silver City Days. She then hides in the bushes until a timid couple of Broadmead teens on vacation come along. She jumps out and uses a random piece of glass she found on the ground to rob the young couple. Can she use her drinking as a defense?



# NO!!

Being intoxicated,  
particularly  
voluntarily  
intoxicated is not a  
legal defense.



# Scenario 6

Mortimer holds a knife to the throat of a 21 year old man. The criminal says “burn down the Handi Store or I will kill you!” The 21 year old truly fears for his life. If he starts the fire will he be convicted?



# YES!!

In the Canadian legal system it is a crime to put your life ahead of someone else's.



# Scenario 7

You buy a bike that has been freshly painted and has no identifying numbers on it off UsedVictoria. You decide to pay the seller the \$25 that he is asking. Will you be convicted of stolen property if it is in fact stolen?



# NO!!

If it is stolen and it is discovered you will lose the property, and the money you spent on it, but there will be no criminal charges.



# Scenario 8

You decide to be dumb and buy some (insert your drug of choice). Because you are such a selfless individual you give some to your friends. What can you be charged with?



# Answer

Congratulations,  
you are now guilty  
of trafficking,  
which has a  
maximum sentence  
of life  
imprisonment



# Scenario 9

Store security at Bon Ton Men's Fashions believes you have stolen a priceless Metallica shirt. They ask you not to leave the store. You say, "I wasn't even near the shirt rack, you have no proof," and continue walking. They grab and hold you, preventing you from leaving. You struggle and yell assault. They push you on the ground and hold you there. Who is right?



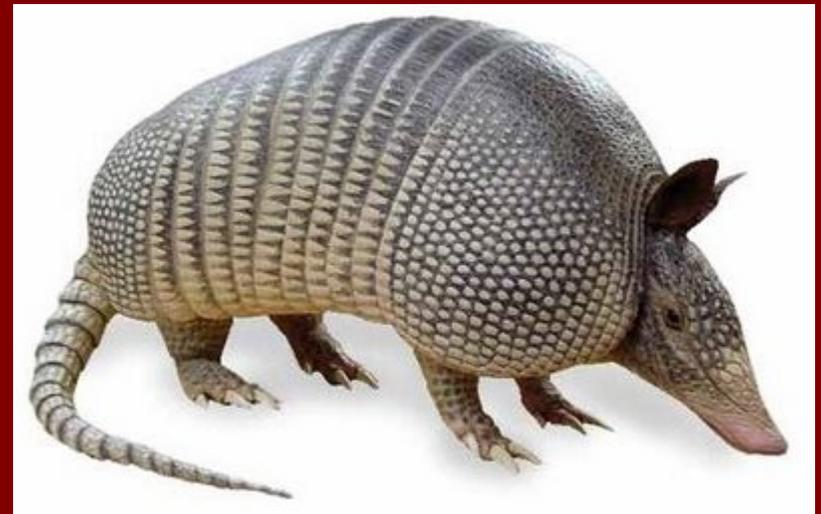
# Answer

They are.. as long as they can prove reasonable grounds for detaining you it qualifies as a citizen's arrest.



# Scenario 10

You and your friends are causing a disturbance at Wesley Road and Haliburton. Police are called, but by the time they arrive you are quiet. A bystander informs the police that you were the ones playing catch with the stuffed armadillo at 2am. They place you under arrest and you struggle to avoid being cuffed. They tell you to stop, but you push a policeman's hand away and squirm free of the cuffs. They pursue you and as you push away again, a policeman slips and breaks an ankle. You are charged with resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer. What will happen?



# Answer

As the officers did not witness the action they have little proof of the violation. Once they have attempted to take you into custody you must not resist.



# Scenario 11

Police serve you a legal search warrant that specifically states they are looking for 159 stolen Law textbooks and nothing else. They find no books, but do stumble upon an illegal stash of bootlegged Motley Crue “Too Fast For Love” cassette tapes ready for the Black Market.... Street Value....\$19, 000.



# Answer

If the police have a search warrant and they find something illegal that they are not searching for they are able to charge you for it as well.



# Scenario 12

Mortimer tells Yolanda, “I’ll sell you my 89 Prelude for \$2500.” Yolanda says, “Great, I’ll buy your car for \$2500!” Before he drives the car over to her, she changes her mind and thinks she is getting ripped off. She calls the deal off before taking possession of the car. Mortimer says, “see you in court.” Who is right?



# Answer

Mortimer is right and  
the verbal contract  
they agreed to is  
legally binding



# Scenario 12

If you wear a uniform for work, your employer **MUST** provide you with it a no cost. True?



True

They must also clean  
it for you.



# Scenario 13

You are criticizing a person in a public place, calling him a moron. You are sued for defamation of character. Your defence is, “But he is a moron!” Will you win?



YES!!

You will win  
providing that you  
can prove beyond a  
reasonable doubt  
that they are in fact  
a moron.



# Scenario 14

A decorated house has continually had Christmas lights stolen from it. Clearly the owner is enraged. The final straw occurred when his meticulously handcrafted Santa gnome was stolen this past Christmas. The owner set a trap by his precious light up penguin. He dug a hole and placed sharpened sticks in the bottom and covered the opening with branches. Two nights later, 2 troublesome teenagers grabbed the penguin and fell through the hole, breaking both their legs and sustaining numerous cuts and bruises. They sue the owner. What will happen?



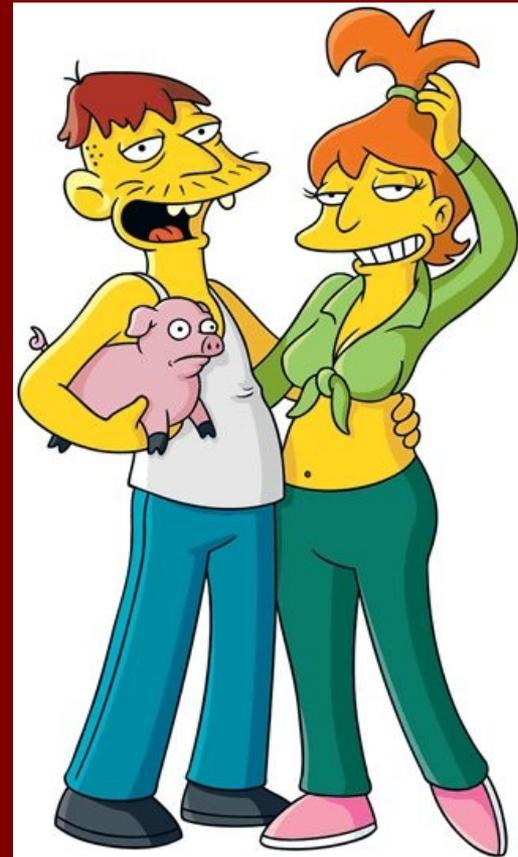
# Answer

The Criminals will be entitled to damage, as they should have the reasonable expectation to not be in danger on the owner's property.



# Scenario 15

Jim Bob is shooting squirrels in his back yard. One large dastardly beast makes a break for it. The squirrel, known as Clyde, hops on the rusted rickety aluminum fence, over the broken down Firebird, into a tree branch and leaps to safety down the street. The entire time Jim Bob is firing at the pest. Unfortunately, the 13 beer consumed by JB earlier that day are having an affect on his normal accuracy. In fact, one bullet glances off the pristine right rear hubcap, off the top of the fence, clangs off the “Trespassers will be persecuted” sign, ricochets off the nails embedded in the oak tree and fatally wounds his wife Sue Ellen as she is walking home from cleaning up road kill. What will happen?



# Answer

Jim Bob will be charged with manslaughter as a result of negligence causing death



# Scenario 16

You lend your mint 91' Acura Legend to a friend. This friend takes the car and decides to try slalom on the sidewalk on Government Street. He mows down 4 elderly American tourists. You are surprised the next week when you are presented with a summons to court. You have been sued by the victims' families. Can this happen?



# YES!!

If, due to your friends previous driving record, this could have been reasonably foreseen you will be charged. ICBC also places the fault on the owner of the car.



# Scenario 17

If you live  
“Common Law”  
with someone, do  
you have to split  
your property 50/50  
if you break up?



# YES!?! Sort of...

It depends on how long you have been cohabitating. Any assest aquired while together are 50/50 after two years



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To Sue Someone	Birth	