

CASE FILE: The Simmons Criminal Matter

Jacob Simmons believes that he will be charged with several crimes. He describes the events as follows.

"I had been playing pool and drinking beer in Sam's Billiards Hall for about two hours when Ron Opal walked in. He is dating Kathy Smith. Kathy and I were engaged until about two weeks ago, when she said she needed some space. When Ron swaggered past me toward the bar, he asked me if I liked the 'space' Kathy had given me. That really made me mad. I am not seeing anyone and I had a bad couple of weeks. I told him to stay away from me. He came back and poked his index finger into my chest and told me to get a life. I slapped his hand away. He didn't scare me. Then he went over to the bar and got a beer. The more I thought about him and Kathy and his attitude, I just lost my temper and yelled out, 'You are no good and everyone knows it. Stay away from me or you will be sorry.' He came back up to me and began yelling at me. I got so mad I threw my beer bottle at him. It broke when it hit him on the shoulder; he had a pretty good cut on the top of his right shoulder. Then the bartender came over and got between us. He told us to leave. The last thing Ron said to me was that he was going to report it to the cops. A friend who works at County Hospital told me today that Ron has been in the hospital since that night; he is a 'bleeder' or something and lost a lot of blood and is in real serious condition. My friend says he could actually die. I am really worried."

Assignment - Describe in detail the following basic elements of a crime:

- 1) mens rea,
- 2) actus reus; and
- 3) concurrence of mens rea and actus reus.

Then: Identify and explain how each of the 3 basic elements of a crime is present in the fact scenario set forth in the "The Simmons Criminal Matter"

Required Criteria: APA FORMATTING/STYLE; Use electronic libraries/databases for research purposes; and Length should be 2-3 pages, excluding cover page and references page.

In addition to fulfilling the specifics of the Assignment, a successful paper must also meet the following criteria:

- Viewpoint and purpose should be clearly established and sustained
- Assignment should follow the conventions of Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.).
- Writing should be well ordered, logical and unified, as well as original and insightful
- Your work should display superior content, organization, style, and mechanics
- Appropriate citation style should be followed