

LE1430: Project—Case Fact Pattern

Louie, Billy, and Vinnie are all unemployed and broke. Louie dates Wanda, who works as a teller at People's Choice Financial, a local bank. In order to improve their financial situation, Louie, Billy, and Vinnie decide to rob the bank. They need to procure some items to facilitate the crime, and they need to enlist the assistance of Wanda, Louie's girlfriend.

The three decide that they need to steal two cars, one for a getaway car and the other as a switch car. They also need guns, masks, and a place to launder the money they steal from the bank. Billy knows someone who deals in controlled substances, Smokey, and he agrees to launder the money for a 3% fee.

Vinnie is assigned the task of obtaining two cars to use in the robbery. He steals both cars from the police impound lot. He later parks one of the cars in a shopping mall parking lot to be used as a switch car.

Louie knows Smith, a gun collector whose collection is stored in a locker at his residence. Louie breaks a window at Smith's house, enters, breaks into the gun locker, and steals several handguns and automatic weapons, including a sawed-off shotgun.

Without telling her why, Louie, Billy, and Vinnie talk to Wanda about the inside layout of People's Choice, the amount of cash in the bank, bank security, and the bank's hours of operation.

The morning of the bank robbery, Billy pays an unexpected visit to his estranged wife, Glamorous Gloria. They have had a tumultuous relationship for months, and Billy wants to have a clean break. He shoots Glamorous Gloria once in the heart, killing her instantly.

Louie, Billy, and Vinnie meet and drive together to the bank. Billy waits in the car as the getaway driver while Louie and Vinnie go inside to rob the bank. Wanda, not known for her attention to detail, forgot to mention the armed bank guard. When Louie and Vinnie announce the robbery, the bank guard draws his gun. The shooting starts, and one of the tellers is shot and killed.

Shooting continues and next Vinnie is shot and killed. Louie grabs a bag of money and runs from the bank just as the police arrive. The shooting continues as Louie jumps into the getaway car, and the bank guard emerges, shooting and killing one of the police officers.

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In the confusion, Billy and Louie speed away from the bank. Two blocks down the street, they hit and kill a pedestrian crossing the street.

The two drive about five miles, abandon the car, and flee on foot. They are able to make it to Smokey's house. Smokey, shocked after hearing the terrible turn of events that took place, does not notify law enforcement. The police are able to obtain the signal being emitted by a tracking device in the bag of stolen bank money.

The police surround Smokey's house and, when Billy and Louie are asleep, break in and capture them. Billy and Louie are both advised of their rights and taken into custody.