

COURT CASES



CASE #1

Kevin was babysitting one afternoon at a neighbor's house. He left his cell phone at home, and wanted to call a friend who was visiting relatives in another state. He asked if it was okay to use the telephone, and the neighbor said yes. Kevin didn't say he would be making a long-distance call.

Kevin ran up a big charge on the out-of-state call. The neighbor says that Kevin owes him an afternoon of babysitting to pay for it. Kevin says that he doesn't owe anything because he had permission to use the telephone.

CASE #2

Shante brought some firecrackers and matches to school. She gave a few firecrackers to Rosa and dared her to light one in class. Rosa said that she would only set it off if Shante set one off too.

Rosa set off a firecracker, but Shante didn't. Rosa was suspended from school. Rosa claims that Shante is the one who should be suspended, since she brought the firecrackers to school. Shante claims that since Rosa lit the firecracker in class, she is the one who should be suspended.

CASE #3

Robert's soccer team supplies uniforms and shoes for the players. They are supposed to be worn to practices and games. Robert doesn't like them.

At the first practice, Robert said he forgot his uniform and shoes. The coach let him play anyway. At the second practice, Robert said his uniform was in the wash, and his shoes were in his mother's car. The coach benched him. When Robert showed up without his uniform and shoes the third time, the coach sent him home.

Robert claims that the coach didn't warn him and that the coach is unfair. The coach says that if Robert won't wear his uniform and shoes, then he can't play.

CASE #4

Keisha finished her math test early. She was bored and began drawing and writing on a page of her notebook. She kept looking at her friend in the next row. Her friend finally looked at Keisha and mouthed, "What are you doing?" Keisha held up her notebook and her friend bent toward her to look. The teacher gave both girls failing grades.

The teacher claims that the girls were cheating. The girls claim that they weren't doing anything wrong.