

## Criminal Defense Scenarios

1. After a long afternoon at the pool, you hop onto your bike and ride home. While you're napping on the couch, the cops arrive at your front door. They point to your bike, which you dropped in your front yard, and say that it is stolen property. Suddenly, you realize this bike is missing the pink basket your bike has. It's not actually your bike! You took someone else's by mistake.
2. You're home alone when you hear someone downstairs in the kitchen. You creep down the stairs, gun drawn, and see a large man in a mask attempting to steal your TV. He aims his gun at you. You panic and shoot him in the chest, killing him.
3. You're home alone when you hear someone downstairs in the kitchen. You creep down the stairs, gun drawn, and see a large man in a mask attempting to steal your TV. When he sees you, he drops the TV and starts to run out the back door. Furious at the thought of him getting away, you shoot him in the back, killing him.
4. Walking out of the movies one night, you see a guy arguing with his girlfriend. The argument seems to be getting pretty heated, and then you see him hit her in the face. As he prepares to hit her again, you run up and shove him to the ground, causing him to hit his head on the curb and suffer a concussion. You are being charged with assault and battery.
5. You're a farmer in a rural community, and teenagers have taken to sneaking into your fields and driving over crops, tipping cows, and generally causing mayhem. One night, you find a group in the field. It's apparent that they're going to light some crops on fire. As one boy pulls out his lighter to do so, you punch him in the face, preventing him from destroying your land. You are being charged with assault and battery.
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7. You're fifteen years old. A group of your friends convinces you to rob a convenience store with them. You put on a mask and take a gun into the convenience store, yelling at the cashier to give you all of the money in the cash register. A cop nearby sees you and immediately arrests you for robbery.
8. You've had a lot to drink at the bar one night, and a guy has been giving you trouble the whole time. You step outside to go home when the guy starts calling you names. You turn around and punch him in the face, causing him to fall to the ground. You hit him repeatedly until someone pulls you off. You don't remember beating him up because you had had far too much to drink. You are being charged with assault and battery.

9. You're at a bar one night with some friends. You only have one beer before you decide to get in your car and drive home. On the way home, you lose consciousness. Your car slams into a parked car on the side of the road, severely damaging both vehicles. A blood test is done and reveals that drugs were slipped into your drink at the bar. You are being charged with a DWI and destruction of property.
10. You've suffered from depression your whole life. One day, your girlfriend breaks up with you. Devastated by the news, you drive to her house and set it on fire, destroying everything inside. You are being charged with arson.
11. You've suffered from schizophrenia your whole life. It is sometimes difficult for you to distinguish reality from fantasy. One day, your girlfriend breaks up with you. Devastated by the news, you drive to her house and set it on fire, destroying everything inside. You are being charged with arson.
12. You work as a truck driver. A co-worker of yours asks you to drive a shipment for him across state lines. He lets you know that the shipment contains a large amount of cocaine. You tell him you're not comfortable doing the job, but he insists. Once you finish the shipment, you are arrested for drug trafficking. It turns out your co-worker was actually an undercover cop.
13. You're a drug dealer in the city. One night, a man approaches you asking you for heroin. After you exchange the drugs for money, he flashes his badge and arrests you. It turns out he was an undercover cop.
14. You're a single mother with two children. After a terrible hurricane floods your home and community, you and your children are forced to search for food and shelter. You come across an abandoned store where you take basic food and supplies. Later, you are charged with larceny.
15. You're a police officer. You see two men leaving a bank just after robbing it, running away with bags of money in hand. You yell out to them to stop, but they continue to run. You take out your gun and shoot one of them in the leg to prevent him from getting away.
16. You're a soldier in the US Army. You've just returned from being stationed in Iraq in a particularly tense zone. You're at a concert with some friends when a particularly loud part of the song comes on. The deafening noise takes over you, and you suddenly find yourself beating a man standing next to you. You have no idea what came over you. You're now being charged with assault and battery.