



# VIRTUAL YOUTH LAW FAIR 2022

**Helping Students Understand Their Rights**

Saturday, March 19, 2022 | 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Virtual



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**9:00 a.m.**

Rooms open to students and attorneys

**9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

Host Instructions and Welcome Remarks [Zoom Atrium]

Judge and Youth Law Fair Founder  
*Judge Melvin R. Wright*

D.C. Superior Courts Welcome Remarks:  
*Chief Judge Anita M. Josey-Herring*

D.C. Bar Welcome Remarks:  
*D.C. Bar President Chad T. Sarchio*

**9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

Ask a Lawyer [Zoom Atrium]

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

Opening Speak Out Session–Know Your Rights Panel  
[Zoom Atrium]

**11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

Mock Trial Session [Zoom Courtrooms]

Students and attorneys meet in Courtroom breakout rooms  
to discuss team roles and hold a mock trial

**12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Closing Speak Out Session & Closing Remarks [Zoom Atrium]

## 2022 Youth Law Fair Fact Pattern

### DISPUTED FACTS:

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One Sunday evening, Johnny Martin was out in Rock Creek Park. Johnny had decided to get out of the house. He was feeling too upset to be around his family because he was having a difficult time at school. Classes had been remote for a long time due to the pandemic. They were finally back in their classrooms, but it felt like every other week there was a positive COVID case, resulting in testing for the virus and sometimes even a return to remote classes for a few days. Johnny didn't enjoy remote learning and struggled to keep up in his classes. He was worried about failing algebra but wasn't sure what to do about it. Also, he had gotten into a fight with his girlfriend, Sarah, earlier in the day. He had tried to talk to her about how he was feeling, but she just didn't understand. She wasn't struggling with remote learning the way that he was and, to be honest, was just an all-around better student. She wasn't in danger of failing any of her classes and had probably never even come close to failing a class. In addition, they had fought because she wanted to go to a friend's party tonight, but he didn't feel up to going.

Johnny had gone for a run to clear his head in Rock Creek Park. It was one of his favorite places to run in the city. It started raining; Johnny looked at his watch - 6:30 pm. Since it was still fairly early, he continued walking around a bit more, but decided to head home soon. However, he had been so lost in his thoughts that he didn't realize he took a wrong turn out of the park, and now found himself in the Cleveland Park/ Forest Hills area of the District. He stopped at a convenience store and bought a soda and a snack. He then decided to walk back home through the neighborhood and around the park, which was well lit, instead of going back into the dark park. As he looked around, he noticed how quiet the neighborhood was given that it was raining. It was February, and it was a bit cold out, but he still thought there would be more people out. He pulled his jacket tighter and put his hood on to protect himself from the rain.

After a while of walking around the neighborhood, he heard someone behind him yell, "Hey you, what are you doing?"

Johnny didn't think the person was talking to him, after all why would s/he be, Johnny was just walking down the street. A few moments later he heard the voice again, "Hey you, what are doing?" Johnny turned to see a man about 100 yards away walking fast toward him. Johnny could hear that the man was on his cell phone, saying "This kid looks like he is up to no good. It's raining, and he's just walking around. He has his hood up and his hands in his pockets." Johnny turned back around and continued walking away from the man. Again, the man shouted, "Hey you, what are you doing in this neighborhood?" and by now had caught up to Johnny.

Finally, Johnny stopped and turned around, "What's your problem? I am just walking down the street. I am allowed to do that." The man replied, "You shouldn't be in this neighborhood. You don't live here. You are trespassing." Johnny took a step forward getting close to the man's face, "Oh yeah, what are you going to do about it?" "One of the alarms at a house down the street went off a few minutes ago. Were you trying to break into that house?", the man yelled.

The man, who was still on the phone, said "I have called the police and they should be here any minute." He then went to take a picture of Johnny. Johnny knocked the phone out of the man's hand and in the process hit the man in the face, giving him a bloody nose.

Johnny heard police sirens in the distance and took off running down the street. He tried to turn down a side street, but a few moments later a police car was in front him. One of the officers caught Johnny, tackled him to the ground, and handcuffed him. The officer said, "What are you doing walking around at night in the rain? We got a call that there was a suspicious looking person in the neighborhood. Did you attack that man? He says you attacked him." The officer then put Johnny in the back of the police car.

Johnny has been charged with (1) Trespass, (2) Attempted Burglary, and (3) Assault.

## **Applicable Laws:**

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### **§22-3302 Unlawful entry on property**

*Any person who, without lawful authority, shall enter, or attempt to enter, any private dwelling, building, or other property, or part of such dwelling, building, or other property, against the will of the lawful occupant or of the person lawfully in charge thereof, or being therein or thereon, without lawful authority to remain therein or thereon shall refuse to quit the same on the demand of the lawful occupant, or of the person lawfully in charge thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01, imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both. The presence of a person in any private dwelling, building, or other property that is otherwise vacant and boarded-up or otherwise secured in a manner that conveys that it is vacant and not to be entered, or displays a no trespassing sign, shall be prima facie evidence that any person found in such property has entered against the will of the person in legal possession of the property. . .*

*(b) Any person who, without lawful authority, shall enter, or attempt to enter, any public building, or other property, or part of such building, or other property, against the will of the lawful occupant or of the person lawfully in charge thereof or his or her agent, or being therein or thereon, without lawful authority to remain therein or thereon shall refuse to quit the same on the demand of the lawful occupant, or of the person lawfully in charge thereof or his or her agent, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.*

### **§22-404 Assault or threatened assault in a menacing manner; stalking**

*(a)(1) Whoever unlawfully assaults, or threatens another in a menacing manner, shall be fined not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01 or be imprisoned not more than 180 days, or both.*

*(2) Whoever unlawfully assaults, or threatens another in a menacing manner, and intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes significant bodily injury to another shall be fined not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01 or be imprisoned not more than 3 years, or both. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “significant bodily injury” means an injury that requires hospitalization or immediate medical attention.*

### **§22-407 Threats to bodily harm**

*Whoever is convicted in the District of threats to do bodily harm shall be fined not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both, and, in addition thereto, or in lieu thereof, may be required to give bond to keep the peace for a period not exceeding 1 year.*

### **§22-801 Burglary; definition and penalty**

*a) Whoever shall, either in the nighttime or in the daytime, break and enter, or enter without breaking, any dwelling, or room used as a sleeping apartment in any building, with intent to break and carry away any part thereof, or any fixture or other thing attached to or connected thereto or to commit any criminal offense, shall, if any person is in any part of such dwelling or sleeping apartment at the time of such breaking and entering, or entering without breaking, be guilty of burglary in the first degree. Burglary in the first degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 5 years nor more than 30 years.*

*(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, whoever shall, either in the night or in the daytime, break and enter, or enter without breaking, any dwelling, . . . or any apartment or room, whether at the time occupied or not, . . . , with intent to break and carry away any part thereof or any fixture or other thing attached to or connected with the same, or to commit any criminal offense, shall be guilty of burglary in the second degree. Burglary in the second degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 2 years nor more than 15 years.*

## **§22-1803 Attempts to commit a crime**

*Whoever shall attempt to commit any crime, which attempt is not otherwise made punishable by chapter 19 of An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1321), shall be punished by a fine not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01 or by imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both. Except, whoever shall attempt to commit a crime of violence as defined in § 23-1331 shall be punished by a fine not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both.*

### **Decision for Jury:**

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1. Is Johnny guilty of Trespass?
2. Is Johnny guilty of Attempted Burglary?
3. Is Johnny guilty of Assault?

## **WITNESS STATEMENT OF JOHNNY MARTIN**

I went for a run in Rock Creek Park. I just needed to clear my head. I have been struggling in school lately and was really feeling down about it. I struggle with remote learning and on top of it I am actually failing algebra. If I fail the class, I might have to retake the class during the summer, and it will impact how much I can work during the summer. And I need to make money. I also had gotten into a fight with my girlfriend, Sarah, earlier that day. She doesn't understand why I am struggling in school, and just keeps telling me I need to put more time into learning algebra. Also, she had wanted to go to our friend's party tonight and I didn't. Anyway, as I was in Rock Creek Park, almost done with my run it started raining. So, I decided to cut my run short but continued to walk around a bit. I didn't realize that I had taken a wrong turn out of the park into a neighborhood near Cleveland Park/Forest Hills. But I decided since it was dark, I would walk through the neighborhood, around the park, instead of cutting back through the park. On the way, I stopped at a convenience store and bought a soda and something to eat. Anyway, I was walking through the neighborhood when all of a sudden, I hear someone yell, "Hey you, what are you doing?" I didn't think he was talking to me, I was minding my own business, walking on the sidewalk. But then the guy yelled it again, so I turned around to see who he was talking to. I could hear him on the phone with someone saying, "This kid looks like he is up to no good. It's raining, and he's just walking around. He has his hood up and his hands in his pockets." I wasn't sure what this guy's problem was, so I just continued walking away. But then he yelled at me a third time, and now was right behind me. So, I stopped, turned around and said, "What's your problem? I am just walking down the street. I am allowed to do that." The man then replied, "You shouldn't be in this neighborhood. You don't live here. You are trespassing." By this point I was angry, so I said, "Oh yeah, what are you going to do about it?" Then the man said, "One of the alarms at a house down the street went off a few minutes ago. Were you trying to break into that house? I have called the police and they should be here any minute." I saw that he was still on the phone. He then tried to take a picture of me, which was crazy, so I knocked the phone out of his hand. I then ran away, but the police caught up to me. There were two officers, one of them tackled me to the ground and handcuffed me. The officer

said, “What are you doing walking around at night in the rain? We got a call that there was a suspicious looking person in the neighborhood. Did you attack that man? He says you attacked him.” I didn’t say anything.

### **WITNESS STATEMENT OF SARAH WALKER**

I had talked to Johnny earlier in the day. He seemed upset. We got into an argument because he said I didn’t understand that he was struggling in class. I know that remote learning has been hard on him, I think he has trouble focusing when we have to do classes remotely, there are too many distractions at his house. He is also really struggling with algebra, and I think he is worried he is going to fail the class and, if he fails, whether he would have to repeat the class, either over the summer or next year. We also fought because I wanted to go to our friend, Tony’s, party tonight. Tony is just having a small group of people over, and I feel like we haven’t really done much lately and wanted to go. Johnny didn’t want to go. He said he didn’t feel up to being around people tonight. He mentioned that he might go for a run later, and I know he likes to run in Rock Creek Park, but I didn’t talk to him again after our call.

### **WITNESS STATEMENT OF OFFICER BRYAN SMITH**

Officer Williams and I were out on patrol in the Forest Hills area of the District. It was a Sunday, so it had been a quiet shift. Then around 7 pm, we got a call that units were needed for a possible assault and burglary in one of the neighborhoods on the Cleveland Park/Forest Hills line. Officer Williams and I were close by and thought we could be there in a few minutes. We responded to dispatch with our location and that we were on our way. As we were approaching the location of the possible burglary, we saw someone running down the sidewalk in our direction. This person matched the description of the suspect that we were provided. Officer Williams quickly pulled the car over to the side of the road and I jumped out to chase after the person. As I was running, I yelled “Police! Stop!” After a few moments, I caught up to him and had to tackle him to the ground in order to stop him from running away. I then placed handcuffs on him, and said, “What are you doing walking around at night in the rain? We got a call that there was a suspicious looking person in the neighborhood. Did you attack that man?”

He says you attacked him.” By this time, Officer Williams had walked up to us. I then picked the guy up and lead him to the back of the police car while Officer Williams went to go talk to the man that had made the 911 call.

### **WITNESS STATEMENT OF OFFICER TINA WILLIAMS**

Officer Smith and I were working a shift on that Sunday night, when a call came over the radio that they needed a unit in one of the neighborhoods on the Cleveland Park/Forest Hills line for a suspect that was fleeing on foot. We weren’t too far away, so we responded that we could be there in a few minutes and were on the way. When we arrived in the neighborhood, we were just driving down the street when we saw someone running down the sidewalk towards us. The person fit the description of the suspect we were looking for and wasn’t too far away from the address that was given for the possible burglary. I quickly pulled over to the side of the road, and Officer Smith jumped out to run after the guy. Officer Smith caught up to him and tackled him to the ground. He then put the man in handcuffs. As I walked up to the scene, I heard Officer Smith say, “... We got a call that there was a suspicious looking person in the neighborhood. Did you attack that man? He says you attacked him.” Officer Smith then helped the guy to his feet and put him in the back of the police car, and I went to go talk to the man who had made the 911 call. By this point he had found us and was walking in our direction.

### **WITNESS STATEMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD MAN**

On Sunday evening, I was out doing my shift of a neighborhood watch. I it was probably a little past 6:30 pm. I heard one of my neighbor’s home alarms and then saw someone walking down the street away from the house. They had the hood of their jacket up, and just looked like they were up to no good. I called 911 to report the home alarm and the suspicious person. The dispatcher told me that police would be on their way. By this point I was able to get a bit closer to the person and see that it looked to be a teenager. The dispatcher asked me if I was following the person and when I said yes, told me I didn’t need to do that. But I continued to follow the kid, shouting to him “Hey, what are you doing?” At first, he didn’t turn around, but after the second time I yelled it, he turned around asked me what my problem was, that he was just walking down the

street. The dispatcher again told me I did not need to engage the person; the police should be there momentarily. I figured the kid had tried to break into my neighbor's house otherwise, why would he just be walking around in the rain. I went to take a picture of him, because I thought that would help the police, but he knocked my phone out of my hand and hit me in the nose. He then took off running down the street.

### **WITNESS STATEMENT OF 911 DISPATCHER**

I got a call on that evening, it was a bit past 6:30 pm, from a man in the Forest Hills area of the District. He said he was out doing a neighborhood watch when he heard one of his neighbor's home alarms go off. He then says he sees this teenager just walking along the sidewalk and thinks he may have tried to break into the neighbor's house. It was raining, so he didn't know why the kid would be out in the rain. According to the man, the kid didn't live in this neighborhood. I asked the man if he was following the person, and when he said yes, I told him he didn't need to do that. I had already dispatched police to the area. I then heard him shout at the teenager "Hey, what are you doing?" once more. Again, I told the man that he shouldn't engage with the person and that police officers would be there shortly. I then heard some shouting between two people and someone yell "Ow!" loudly. When the man got back on the phone, he said the kid had tried to knock the phone out of his hand and had hit him in the nose. The kid then took off running away from the man.

## **2022 Youth Law Fair Prompt Questions**

### **Johnny Martin**

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Please state your name for the court.

Why were you in that neighborhood that evening?

Did you approach the Neighborhood Man?

How did the phone fall out of the Neighborhood Man's hand?

Why did you run from the Police Officers?

### **Sarah Walker**

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Please state your name for the court.

How do you know Johnny Martin?

Did you talk with Johnny that day?

What did you argue about?

### **Officer Bryan Smith**

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Please state your name for the court.

What is your employment status?

What are your duties with the Department?

What happened the night in question?

What was your interaction with the suspect?

### **Officer Tina Williams**

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Please state your name for the court.

What is your employment status?

What are your duties with the Department?

What happened the night in question?

Did you interview the Neighborhood Man witness?

## Neighborhood Man

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Please state your name for the court.

What were you doing out on the night in question?

Did you interact with the suspect?

What happened the night in question?

## 911 Dispatcher

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Please state your name for the court.

What is your employment status?

What happened on the call?

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