

Mock Trial

Harry Potter

The case of second-degree murder

Issue: Did Harry Potter commit second-degree murder against Professor Quirrell?

Trial Procedure

1. The case starts when the sheriff calls "Order in the court. All rise." Everyone stands. The judge enters and takes his/her seat. Everyone sits down.
2. The court clerk calls the case "Regina versus _____(names of the accused).
3. The Crown and Defense lawyers introduce themselves to the judge.
4. The clerk reads out the charge (the indictment), and asks each of the accused, "How do you plead?"
5. Each of the accused answers "Not guilty."
6. The Crown makes an opening statement to the jury.
7. The Crown calls its first witness.
8. The defense cross-examines this witness.
9. Repeat the last two steps for each witness.
10. The Crown rises and says "That concludes the Crown's case, Your Honour."
11. The defense begins by making a short opening statement to the jury.
12. The defense calls its first witness.
13. The Crown counsel cross-examines this witness.
14. Repeat the last two steps for each witness.
15. Defense and Crown counsels each make a closing statement to the jury. The defense goes first, followed by the Crown.
16. The judge instructs the jury.
17. Jury leaves to decide a verdict.
18. Jury returns.
19. The court clerk asks for the verdict.
20. The judge lets the accused go free if the verdict is "Not guilty." If the verdict is "Guilty," the judge asks one Crown lawyer and one defense lawyer to speak to sentence. The judge then sentences the accused.
21. The court says, "Order in the Court." Everyone stands, the judge leaves and the trial ends.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HOGWARTS R. v. HARRY POTTER

Roles

Court Clerk: _____

Judge: _____

Crown

Crown #1 _____

Crown #2 _____

Crown #3 _____

Defence

Defence #1 _____

Defence #2 _____

Defence #3 _____

Harry Potter: _____

Lord Voldemort: _____

Rubeus Hagrid _____

Professor Snape: _____

Ron Weasley: _____

Professor Dumbledore: _____

Court Reporter (non-speaking): _____

Sheriff #1 (non-speaking): _____

Sheriff #2 (non-speaking): _____

Jury (12 members/jury will elect their Foreperson): _____

Script

CLERK: Order in the court. All rise! The Honourable Mister/Madam Justice _____ presiding.

[Everyone stands as the judge enters the room.]

JUDGE: You may be seated.

[Everyone sits, except the clerk.]

CLERK: The case of Regina versus Potter, my Lord/Lady

[Clerk sits.]

JUDGE: Thank you. Are all parties present?

[Crown stands.]

CROWN: Yes my Lord/Lady. I am _____ and this is my friend _____. We are acting on behalf of the Crown in this matter.

[Please note: this statement can be adjusted depending on the number of lawyers for each side.]

[Crown sits; defence stands.]

DEFENCE: My Lord/Lady. I am _____ and this is my friend _____. We are acting on behalf of the accused, Harry Potter.

[This statement can be adjusted depending on the number of lawyers on each side.]

[Defence sits.]

JUDGE: Thank you. Harry Potter, please rise to hear the charge.

[Clerk, defence and Harry stand.]

CLERK: Harry, you are charged that on, or about the third day of November, in the year _____, you did unlawfully cause the death of Professor Quirrell and thereby commit murder in the second degree. How do you plead?

HARRY: Not Guilty.

JUDGE: Thank you Madam/Mister Registrar.

[Everyone sits.]

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen of the jury. I shall begin with some general comments on our roles during this trial. Throughout these proceedings you shall act as judges of the facts and I the judge of the law. Although I may comment on the evidence, as judge of the facts, you are the exclusive judges of the evidence. By the same token, when I tell you what the law is, it is my view of the law that must prevail.

There are two basic principles that are fundamental to your part as jurors. They are the requirement for proof beyond a reasonable doubt and the presumption of innocence. The requirement for proof beyond a reasonable doubt means that no person accused of an offence

can be found guilty unless the Crown proves each and every part or element of that offence beyond a reasonable doubt. Similarly, our system of law requires that an accused person be presumed innocent until proven guilty. Harry Potter has no obligation to prove that he is not guilty or to explain the evidence offered by the Crown. The law presumes he is innocent until you decide otherwise.

Before calling the Crown counsel to give their opening statement, I will tell you something of the offence with which Harry has been charged. The Crown has charged Harry Potter with one count of second-degree murder. Before you can legally return a guilty verdict on the homicide, the Crown must prove the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. First, the identity of Harry Potter as the offender;
2. Second, the time and place of the offence;
3. Third, that Harry Potter killed Professor Quirrell;
4. Fourth, that Harry Potter killed him wrongfully; and
5. Fifth, that Harry Potter intended to kill the professor

I now call upon the Crown to proceed with their case.

[Crown stands.]

CROWN: (*Opening Statement*). My Lord/Lady, we intend to prove that Harry Potter killed Professor Quirrell and that he did so knowing that it was illegal contrary to s.235(1) of Criminal Code of Canada therefore committing second-degree murder. To prove our case we intend to call the following witnesses: Lord Voldemort's spirit; Rubeus Hagrid, Hogwarts gamekeeper; and Professor Snape, Harry Potter Criminal Mock Trial 3 Hogwarts teacher and potions master. We now wish to call our first witness, Lord Voldemort.

[Voldemort takes the stand and remains standing while he is taking the oath.]

CLERK: Do you swear that the evidence you shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

LORD V: Yes

CLERK: State your name and address for the court, please.

LORD V: I am Lord Voldemort, and I live in the Forbidden Forest.

[Voldemort stands to give his evidence.]

CROWN: Voldemort please tell the court what happened on the night of November 3rd, _____.

LORD V: At around 10:30 p.m. Professor Quirrell and I went to check on the magical Sorcerer's Stone, which is located on the third floor of Hogwarts Academy, to make sure it was safe.

CROWN: Why is the stone so special?

LORD V: It has unlimited power.

CROWN: What happened once you were up in on the third floor?

LORD V: We put Fluffy, the guard dog to sleep, and completed all of the tasks guarding the stone.

With the level of our magic skills it wasn't too hard.

CROWN: What happened after you had completed all of the tasks?

LORD V: We entered the room where the magic mirror was standing.

CROWN: And what makes the mirror so magical?

LORD V: It can see the dreams inside you and make them appear real. The secret to retrieving the stone was to imagine that the stone was in your pocket or in your hand and it would appear there, but for some reason it didn't work.

CROWN: What happened next?

LORD V: Well, Harry Potter entered the room, so I asked him what he was doing there. He said that he was there to help us retrieve the stone. I told him that he should be in bed and should go back to sleep. But he insisted in helping us.

CROWN: What did you see next?

LORD V: Harry Potter looked straight into the mirror and was somehow able to retrieve the stone. Naturally, Professor Quirrell went to take the stone from him but he pushed him away and said that he was going to keep it for himself.

CROWN: What was Professor Quirrell's reaction to this?

LORD V: Professor Quirrell was outraged and went over to Harry attempting to negotiate with him. Suddenly Harry touched the professor on his face. He must have cast an evil spell because as his hands touched the professor's cheek, his face crumbled into pieces as if it was made of stone. The professor pleaded for him to stop but he refused and started striking the face of the professor as it crumbled into millions of pieces.

CROWN: How did you react to this?

LORD V: I tried to help him but it was too late. The professor had died.

CROWN: Did Harry say anything to you?

LORD V: Yes. Harry told me that the same thing was going to happen to me if I didn't run away.

CROWN: What did you do then?

LORD V: I picked up Professor Quirrell's ashes, because I knew it would be good as evidence, and ran.

CROWN: Do you see the boy who murdered the professor in this room today?

LORD V: Yes. It was him.

[Points to Harry in the prisoner's box.]

CROWN: Let the record show that the witness is pointing to the accused. Now then Voldemort, what did you do after you had left the room?

LORD V: I reported Harry to Hagrid who was sleeping in his quarters. We called the police from

there. I gave them the ashes for evidence and Harry was arrested. I have brought those ashes here as evidence.

CROWN: My Lord/Lady we would like to submit the bag of ashes of Professor Quirrell as Exhibit 1 in this trial.

JUDGE: Yes Counsel.

[Crown hands the ashes to the court clerk.]

CLERK: My Lord/Lady, Exhibit 1, the ashes.

[Clerk shows the ashes to the judge and then places it on his or her desk.]

CROWN: Thank you Voldemort. No further questions my Lord/Lady.

[Crown sits.]

JUDGE: Does the defence wish to cross-examine the witness?

DEFENCE: Yes, my Lord/Lady. Have you ever killed anybody before?

LORD V: Uh... Yes but only in extreme circumstances.

DEFENCE: Isn't it true that you are a mass murderer?

LORD V: Ummm...

DEFENCE: Isn't it true that checking on the Sorcerer's Stone is not a regular activity for both you and Quirrel?

LORD V: No it isn't, Professor Quirrell and I have been checking on the stone once every month.

DEFENCE: Did Professor Dumbledore give you permission to check on the stone?

LORD V: Yes.

DEFENCE: So, are you saying Professor Dumbledore would trust a mass murderer with a priceless item?

LORD V: Well, he did.

DEFENCE: Isn't it true that Professor Dumbledore never gave you permission?

LORD V: No. He gave me permission.

DEFENCE: Isn't it true that you made up the story about checking on the Sorcerer's Stone every month so that you would not have to face charges of stealing the stone in a later trial?

LORD V: No.

DEFENCE: Isn't it true that it was only on this night that the magical mirror had been brought down from the attic to the room guarding the stone?

LORD V: Yes, but Professor Snape the potions master at Hogwarts also a keeper of the stone, had told me how to use the mirror earlier that night.

DEFENCE: You are Voldemort's spirit, aren't you?

LORD V: Yes.

DEFENCE: Isn't it true that you wanted the stone so you could revive your body with its powers?

LORD V: Well yes it is but uhhh...

DEFENCE: Isn't it true that you wanted power so you could go back to your old life?

LORD V: Well yes...

DEFENCE: You wanted a body so you could kill more people, didn't you?

LORD V: No, no...

DEFENCE: You use magic for evil purposes—isn't that correct?

LORD V: Well, no, no...

DEFENCE: You and Professor Quirrell were sharing the same body?

LORD V: Yes.

DEFENCE: When Professor Quirrell was killed, was he facing Harry Potter?

LORD V: Yes.

DEFENCE: Was your face on the opposite side of Quirrell's?

LORD V: Yes.

DEFENCE: Then, how is it that you could have seen Harry Potter kill Quirrell when you were not facing in that direction?

LORD V: Uhhhh.... [Alternate statement: I saw his face in the reflection of the mirror]

DEFENCE: I have no further need for this witness my Lord/Lady.

[Defence sits.]

JUDGE: Thank you Voldemort. You may step down. You may call your next witness.

[Voldemort leaves the witness box; Crown stands.]

CROWN: We call Rubeus Hagrid, my Lord/Lady.

[Hagrid stands and takes the stand and remains standing for the oath.]

CLERK: Do you swear that the evidence you shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

HAGRID: Yes.

CLERK: State your name and address, please.

HAGRID: I am Rubeus Hagrid and live at Hogwarts Magic Academy.

[Hagrid sits.]

CROWN: Hagrid, what happened on the night of November the 3rd, ?

HAGRID: It started off as any average night at Hogwarts. After dinner I went to my quarters to sleep. But in the middle of the night, Voldemort woke me up and told me to call the police. He was sweating and looked very terrified.

CROWN: Did he tell you anything?

HAGRID: Yes, after telling me to call the police, he said that Harry Potter had murdered Professor Quirrell.

CROWN: Did you believe him?

HAGRID: Uh-huh.

JUDGE: Hagrid, please answer clearly so the court will have an accurate record of the proceedings.

HAGRID: Yes. Of course.

CROWN: Hagrid, what led you to believe him?

HAGRID: The look on his face, and the ashes of Professor Quirrell that he showed me.

CROWN: Thank you Hagrid. No further questions.

[Crown sits.]

JUDGE: Does the defence wish to cross-examine the witness?

DEFENCE: Yes, my Lord/Lady. Hagrid how do you know that Voldemort was not lying to you?

HAGRID: Because of the ashes and because he has never lied before.

DEFENCE: How do you know he wasn't lying to you now?

HAGRID: Well...um... I just do.

DEFENCE: As gamekeeper at Hogwarts are there a set of rules that you must follow?

HAGRID: Yes.

DEFENCE: Are you forbidden to lie?

HAGRID: Yes.

DEFENCE: Have you broken any rules while at Hogwarts?

HAGRID: No.

DEFENCE: Are you sure?

HAGRID: Yes positively.

DEFENCE: Well, in that case, had you met Professor Dumbledore before you began to work at

Hogwarts?

HAGRID: Yes.

DEFENCE: How did you meet him?

HAGRID: I was a student at the school.

DEFENCE: Are you a warlock now?

HAGRID: No.

DEFENCE: How is that so?

HAGRID: I was expelled.

DEFENCE: For what may I ask?

HAGRID: I was keeping a forbidden pet at school.

DEFENCE: You were breaking the rules by keeping a forbidden pet at school?

HAGRID: Yes.

DEFENCE: So, at your time at Hogwarts, you have broken a rule haven't you?

HAGRID: Uhhhh...

DEFENCE: Have you ever broken a rule since?

HAGRID: No.

DEFENCE: But, how do I know if you are telling the truth now? A few moments ago you lied.

HAGRID: I am telling the truth now.

DEFENCE: No further questions.

JUDGE: Thank you Hagrid. You may step down. The Crown may call its next witness.

[Defence sits. Hagrid leaves the witness box. Crown stands.]

CROWN: My Lord/Lady, I call Professor Snape.

[Professor Snape takes the stand and remains standing for the oath.]

CLERK: Do you swear that the evidence you shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

SNAPE: Yes.

CLERK: State your name and address, please.

SNAPE: I am Professor Snape and I live at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

CROWN: Professor Snape, what is your relation to the accused and is he in the court today?

[Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: Objection! My Lord/Lady, that is a leading question. Of course, the accused will be in court.

CROWN: I will rephrase my question my Lord/Lady. What is your connection with the accused?

[Defence sits.]

SNAPE: He used to be one of my top students. Now, he is sitting in the accused docket over there. *[He points to Harry, the accused.]*

CROWN: Let the record show, that the witness has identified the accused, Harry Potter.

CROWN: What happened on the night of November 3rd, _____?

SNAPE: Harry Potter murdered Professor Quirrell.

[Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: Objection! My Lord/Lady Professor Snape did not see the murder nor can he speculate as that is the jury's job.

CROWN: Voldemort told Professor Snape the facts of the murder.

DEFENCE: My Lord/Lady, that is hearsay. Snape didn't see the murder.

JUDGE: Sustained. The jury shall disregard the last statement made by Professor Snape.

[Defence sits.]

CROWN: How did you hear of Quirrell's death?

SNAPE: Voldemort told me.

CROWN: Did he tell you anything else?

SNAPE: He suspected that something suspicious was going on with Harry Potter and his friends by looking at them during dinner-time so I decided to keep close watch on them. I also knew that today was the day that Professor Quirrell and Voldemort were going to check on the stone.

CROWN: What happened later that night?

SNAPE: While walking to my sleeping quarters I saw Harry Potter and his two friends sneaking into the entrance to where the stone was being held. I decided to follow them.

CROWN: What did you see?

SNAPE: Harry and his friends were quite impressive. They passed all of the tasks guarding the stone.

CROWN: Did Harry discover you?

SNAPE: No. I was hiding.

CROWN: How did you keep hidden from Harry and his friends?

SNAPE: I drank an invisibility potion that would last for 7 hours.

CROWN: Did all of them eventually get into the room where the Sorcerer's Stone was being kept?

SNAPE: No. Only Harry.

CROWN: And what happened once he was in the room?

SNAPE: Professor Quirrell asked Harry what he was doing there. Harry said he was going to help them, Professor Quirrel and Voldemort, to retrieve the Sorcerer's Stone from the Mirror. They said that he should go back to bed but he insisted. He looked into the mirror and somehow was able to retrieve the stone from the mirror. Professor Quirrell tried to take the stone from him, but Harry said that he was going to keep it for himself.

CROWN: What happened next?

SNAPE: As the professor tried to take it from Harry, Harry touched his face, and it crumbled to pieces. I think that Harry used some sort of magical spell to do this. With every strike that Harry gave the professor, parts of his body and his face would crumble as if it was made out of clay. Harry told Voldemort that the same thing would happen to him if he didn't run, so he picked up ashes for evidence, which was a smart thing to do, and ran. Harry Potter has been getting in a lot of trouble lately. He's always up to no good, especially in my class.

[Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: Objection my Lord/Lady! The Crown cannot have witnesses testifying to the character of Harry. The defence has not made Harry's character an issue in this trial.

CROWN: My Lord/Lady, Professor Snape's comments are just an explanation of why the professor thought that something suspicious was going on.

JUDGE: Objection sustained. The jury will disregard that last statement. Professor, from now on, please do not offer your opinions on Harry's character.

[Defence sits.]

CROWN: Thank you my Lord/Lady, I have no further questions, at this time.

[Crown sits.]

JUDGE: Defence, do you wish to cross-examine the witness?

DEFENCE: Yes, thank you my Lord/Lady. Professor Snape, isn't it true that Voldemort said that he was the one to ask Harry what he was doing there in the room where the stone was being kept?

SNAPE: Yes.

DEFENCE: Then why did you tell the court that Professor Quirrell was the one to ask Harry?

SNAPE: I did not say that.

DEFENCE: Yes you did and I quote: "Professor Quirrell asked Harry what he was doing there."

SNAPE: I just made a little mistake. I meant to say Voldemort. Everybody makes mistakes.

DEFENCE: You don't like Harry do you?

SNAPE: I try to remain impartial as I found that this method works the best.

DEFENCE: Don't you have a reason to dislike Harry?

SNAPE: No. I don't.

DEFENCE: Let me remind you that you are under oath.

SNAPE: I know.

DEFENCE: Didn't you know Harry's father, Mr. Potter when you went to school?

SNAPE: Yes.

DEFENCE: Didn't he make a fool out of you?

SNAPE: Uh...

DEFENCE: Yes, so you did have a reason to hate Harry because of what his father did to you.

SNAPE: Ummm....

DEFENCE: No further questions my Lord/Lady.

[Defence sits.]

JUDGE: Crown, call your next witness.

[Crown stands.]

CROWN: The Crown rests its case, my Lord/Lady.

JUDGE: I now call upon the defence to make their opening statement and to proceed with their case.

[Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: My Lord/Lady, and ladies and gentlemen of the jury, Harry Potter admits that he did perform the act of murder upon Mr. Quirrell, but, he did so as an involuntary act of self-defence.

I would ask that the following be taken into consideration:

Professor Quirrell was performing an extremely sinister deed, and if Harry had not intervened, Voldemort's body could have been revived giving him the power to kill once again. This act of self-defence has bettered our society.

The evidence you will hear today will support these facts and cast a reasonable doubt upon the Crown's theory. We will call Harry Potter, Ron Weasley and Professor Dumbledore as witnesses for the Defence.

My Lord/Lady, I am now prepared to call my first witness.

JUDGE: Proceed.

DEFENCE: I call Harry Potter to the witness box.

[Sheriff #2 escorts Harry to the stand and the witness remains standing to take the oath.]

CLERK: Do you swear the evidence you shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

HARRY: I do.

CLERK: State your name and address please.

HARRY: Harry Potter, I live in the Gryffindor Dormitory at Hogwarts.

CLERK: You may be seated.

[Harry sits. Sheriff #2 stands beside witness box.]

DEFENCE: Harry, where were you on November 3rd, _____ ?

HARRY: I was in Hogwarts Academy.

DEFENCE: Can you explain what happened that night?

HARRY: Yes. I went to explore the Sorcerer's Stone with my two friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. We snuck into the room using an invisibility cloak given to me by a friend of my father.

DEFENCE: Did you manage to get past all of the tasks guarding the stone?

HARRY: Yes.

DEFENCE: And were you all able to enter the room where the stone was being kept?

HARRY: No. Only I.

DEFENCE: What did you see inside that room?

HARRY: I saw Voldemort and Professor Quirrell standing beside the magic mirror.

DEFENCE: Do you know why the mirror is so magical?

HARRY: Yes. It can make your dreams appear real.

DEFENCE: Did you notice anything odd about Voldemort and Professor Quirrell?

HARRY: Yes. For some weird reason Professor Quirrell was calling Voldemort master.

DEFENCE: Did Voldemort or Professor Quirrell say anything to you?

HARRY: Yes. The professor told me to look in the mirror and to tell him what I saw.

DEFENCE: What did you see?

HARRY: I saw my reflection wink at me and then pull the powerful Sorcerer's Stone out of its pocket. And suddenly I felt the stone in my pocket, but I did not dare to take it out. I knew something fishy was going on.

DEFENCE: What happened next?

HARRY: He impatiently asked me what I saw.

DEFENCE: What did you say?

HARRY: I told him that I saw myself shaking hands with Professor Dumbledore, the headmaster of the academy.

DEFENCE: Why did you lie?

HARRY: I knew that Professor Quirrell and Voldemort were after the stone. I'm guessing for more power.

DEFENCE: What happened next?

HARRY: Voldemort told me to tell the truth. But I refused. I tried to make a run for it but in a second the professor had clenched my wrist as tightly as handcuffs. The pain coming from the scar on my forehead was unbearable. It felt as if my head was going to split in two. But to my surprise he let go looking at his fingers in pain. They were blistering before my very eyes. And the pain from my scar started to fade. Voldemort yelled to Professor Quirrell to kill me. He jumped off me and clenched my neck with his bear hands. The pain came back again more powerful than ever. But just as I thought I was finally done for, I saw the professor take back his hands screaming in agony. His hands were burnt and raw. Parts were even crumbling. Voldemort shouted to him again to kill me.

DEFENCE: What happened next?

HARRY: Professor Quirrell raised his right hand to perform a deadly curse, but I, through instinct, grabbed his face. He again shouted in agony and his face was now blistering like his hands. I then realized that he could not touch me without suffering a great deal of pain. So I clenched to his arm as tightly as I could. The pain this time was more dominant than ever before and I could only hear the sounds of the professor's screams and the shouting of Voldemort. Then I blacked out.

DEFENCE: When did you wake up?

HARRY: When I woke up I was lying down in a bed in a hospital facility, beside Dumbledore. I later learned that the professor had died.

DEFENCE: Did you mean to kill him?

HARRY: No, of course not. I just tried to prevent him from killing me and getting the stone. I knew that if he was able to get the stone the whole world would be in great peril. Lord Voldemort was trying to revive his own body instead of sharing a body with Professor Quirrell. Lord Voldemort is evil and would kill many people if he got a body.

CROWN: Objection, the witness is characterizing Lord Voldemort.

DEFENCE: The witness is merely stating the truth about Lord Voldemort.

JUDGE: Objection sustained.

DEFENCE: Thank you. My Lord/Lady I have no further questions.

[Defence sits down.]

JUDGE: Crown, do you have any questions for this witness?

[Crown stands.]

CROWN: Yes, my Lord/Lady. You knew you were in a lot of trouble for breaking the rules. That's why you wanted to kill Professor Quirrell wasn't it?

HARRY: Not at all. He was trying to kill me.

CROWN: Harry if you didn't intend to kill the professor, then why did you clench onto his arm instead of running while he was distracted by his pain?

HARRY: I thought that if I tried to run again he would just capture me like he did the first time I tried to run.

CROWN: You just wanted to use the stone for your own purposes. Isn't that correct?

HARRY: No, no I was trying to keep it from Voldemort.

CROWN: You could feel the power of the stone and you wanted to keep it, correct?

HARRY: Well, no, but I thought Voldemort was up to something.

CROWN: Do you have any proof that they were going to use the stone for evil doings?

HARRY: No.

CROWN: So you just used your instinct to determine whether or not the stone was going to be used for good or for evil. Or if they were ever going to use it at all, right?

HARRY: Yes.

CROWN: I have no further questions my Lord/Lady.

[Crown sits.]

JUDGE: Counsel, please call your next witness.

[Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: We call Ron Weasley.

[Ron takes the stand and remains standing for the oath.]

CLERK: Do you swear the evidence you shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

RON: I do.

CLERK: State your name and address please.

RON: Ron Weasley, I live in the Gryffindor Dormitory at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

CLERK: You may be seated.

[Ron sits.]

DEFENCE: Please tell the court your relationship to the accused.

RON: I am one of his two best friends.

DEFENCE: How is it that you became one of his best friends?

RON: I met him on the train ride going to Hogwarts on the first day of school. And ever since then we've been good friends. We have a lot in common.

DEFENCE: Tell me what happened on the night of November 3rd, _____ ?

RON: Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, and I all went to see the Sorcerer's Stone.

DEFENCE: Why did you want to see the stone?

RON: We were all interested in what it looked like. We knew it had limitless power.

DEFENCE: Were you able to get past all of the dangers and traps guarding the stone?

RON: Yes.

DEFENCE: Were all three of you able to enter the room where the Sorcerer's Stone was being kept?

RON: No. After the last task, I was too weak to move and Hermione stayed with me to make sure I was ok. However, Harry insisted that he go alone. We wanted to go with him but he forced us to promise not to go after him. But the temptation was too much. Hermione and I drew up the courage to follow Harry.

DEFENCE: What happened next?

RON: Hermione and I hid in one corner of the room where we could see everything that was happening.

DEFENCE: What did you see?

RON: I saw Harry look into the magic mirror and reach into his pocket. I could see a faint glow coming from it. Professor Quirrell and Harry were exchanging words but I couldn't make out what they were saying. I saw Harry make an attempt to run but the professor was too fast. He grabbed Harry's wrist. Suddenly I saw Professor Quirrell's hand blister and crumble like rock as he screamed in agony. Voldemort was screaming over and over again to kill Harry. I could hear this because Voldemort was screaming at the top of his voice. But every time the professor tried to touch Harry his skin would burn. Harry in self-defence clenched onto the professor's arm before he could put an evil curse on Harry.

DEFENCE: What happened next?

RON: Hermione and I ran to get help. We both shouted to wake everybody up. Dumbledore heard our cries and we gave him a brief story of what happened. We made our way down to the room where we found Harry lying on the ground unconscious and some of the ashes of Professor Quirrell. However, there was no sign of Voldemort. The stone was found in Harry's pocket.

DEFENCE: Thank you. I have no further questions for this witness my Lord/Lady.

[Defence sits.]

JUDGE: Crown, do you wish to cross-examine this witness?

[Crown stands.]

CROWN: Yes my Lord/Lady, thank you. Good morning Ron. You say that you could not make out what Harry and the professor were saying to each other. Is that correct?

RON: Yes.

CROWN: So you cannot prove that Harry did not say that he was going to keep the stone for himself. Is this true?

RON: I know Harry. He wouldn't do such a thing! Besides Voldemort was telling the professor to kill him.

CROWN: You only know that because you are his best friend and you don't want him to be convicted, do you?

RON: No, it's the truth.

CROWN: You don't know what happened after you left. Is that correct?

RON: Yes, it's correct.

CROWN: Thank you Ron. I have no further questions for this witness.

[Crown sits. Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: The defence calls Professor Dumbledore.

[Dumbledore enters the witness box and remains standing for the oath.]

CLERK: Do you swear the evidence you shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

PROF D: I do.

CLERK: State your name and address please.

PROF D: I am Professor Dumbledore; I live at Hogwarts Magic Academy.

CLERK: You may be seated.

[Dumbledore sits.]

DEFENCE: Professor Dumbledore, what is your profession?

PROF D: I am the headmaster of Hogwarts Academy.

DEFENCE: What is your relation to Professor Quirrell?

PROF D: He was one of my closest friends.

DEFENCE: What did you see on the night of November 3rd, _____ ?

PROF D: I saw Professor Quirrel and Voldemort trying to murder Harry Potter and trying to steal the Sorcerer's Stone.

DEFENCE: What led you to believe that they were attempting to steal the stone and murder Harry Potter?

PROF D: I watched the whole thing happen through a special crystal ball kept in my sleeping quarters. I use it to make sure that all of the students are safely in bed during the night. I check each room every night. I was checking on all the sleeping quarters. Harry's section, which included Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, was the last area I had to check. To my distress I found that neither Harry, Hermione, or Ron were in their beds. I looked around the school through my crystal ball, which took around an hour, considering how big Hogwarts Academy is.

DEFENCE: Did you eventually find them?

PROF D: Yes.

DEFENCE: Where did you find them?

PROF D: They were on the third floor in the room that was forbidden to all students. It was where the Sorcerer's Stone was being guarded. I saw Harry in the middle of the room with Professor Quirrel and Voldemort. Hermione and Ron were hiding in the corner of the room where they could not be seen. But I didn't know why Voldemort and Quirrel were there. Only Professor Snape checks on the stone.

DEFENCE: What did you see next?

PROF D: I saw Harry with the stone in his pocket. He had retrieved it from the mirror. Unfortunately I cannot hear through the crystal ball so I couldn't make out what Professor Quirrell was saying to Harry. Harry tried to run but Quirrel seized him by the wrist and tried to choke Harry. Fortunately for Harry, every time Quirrel would touch him his skin would burn because Harry was pure of heart. This is what protected him from Voldemort and Quirrel.

DEFENCE: What did you do next?

PROF D: As soon as I saw this I ran to the third floor of Hogwarts where Ron and Hermione met up with me and told me the whole story. When we went back to the room where the stone was, Quirrell was dead, Harry was unconscious, and Voldemort was gone. My crystal ball recorded the first half of the incident. I have brought it here as evidence.

DEFENCE: My Lord/Lady we would like to submit this videotape recorded by Dumbledore's crystal ball as Exhibit #2 in this trial.

JUDGE: Yes counsel.

[Defence hands the tape to the court clerk.]

CLERK: My Lord/Lady, Exhibit 2, the tape.

DEFENCE: One more question. Did you ever give Lord Voldemort or Professor Quirrell permission to check on the stone?

PROF D: I did give Professor Quirrell permission, but he was not supposed to be down there that night. However, I would never trust Voldemort with anything. He killed Harry's parents. He is a mass murderer. I didn't even know that he was Here at Hogwarts.

CROWN: Objection, Professor Dumbledore cannot speculate, as he is not an expert.

JUDGE: Sustained.

DEFENCE: In that case, I have no further questions.

[Defence sits.]

JUDGE: Crown, do you have any questions for this witness?

[Crown stands.]

CROWN: Yes my Lord/Lady. Dumbledore, is it true that you were only able to see part of the incident happen?

PROF D: Yes. I ran downstairs to the third floor to help Harry after I saw Professor Quirrell trying to choke him on the ground.

CROWN: So you don't know what happened after you ran downstairs, do you?

PROF D: I only know what I have been told by Ron and Hermione, both of whom I would trust with the Sorcerer's Stone.

CROWN: No more questions my Lord/Lady.

[Crown sits.]

JUDGE: Thank you Professor Dumbledore, you may step down.

[To the defence.] Does that conclude the case for the Defence?

[Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: Yes my Lord/Lady.

[Defence sits.]

JUDGE: Thank you counsel. Are you prepared to begin closing statements?

[Crown and defence stand.]

CROWN: Yes my Lord/Lady.

DEFENCE: We are my Lord/Lady.

[Crown and defence sit.]

JUDGE: All right then, you may begin counsel.

[Defence stands.]

DEFENCE: My Lord/Lady, and ladies and gentlemen of the jury, Harry Potter has admitted to committing the act of murder upon Mr. Quirrel but he did so as an involuntary act of self-defence.

You have heard both Professor Dumbledore's and Ron Weasley's testimony today. Their testimony supports only one conclusion. Late one night Harry and his friends went to examine the Sorcerer's Stone to see what it looked like. After completing all the guarding tasks

surrounding the room where it was being held he and his friends eventually were able to get into the room. Once inside, Voldemort and Professor Quirrell forced Harry to retrieve the stone from the magic mirror and give it to them. They were going to use it for evil purposes and for the benefit of themselves. Harry however refused to give the stone to them. In the process of preventing them from getting to the stone, he involuntarily killed the professor.

Professor Dumbledore and Ron's testimonies support each other, ladies and gentlemen. As my Lord/Lady will soon direct you, you ultimately must decide whether or not their testimony should be believed. It is the Defence's submission that on the evidence you have heard today you may come only to one conclusion: that these men are telling the truth, that Voldemort along with Professor Quirrell were not checking on the stone, but trying to steal the Sorcerer's Stone which is the rightful property of Hogwarts Academy, and that Harry killed the professor involuntarily.

But even if it is not clear, ladies and gentlemen, and even if you doubt a little that Harry did not kill the professor involuntarily or that Voldemort and Quirrell were not attempting to murder Harry or steal the stone, you must still acquit. As my Lordship/Ladyship will explain, the Crown is responsible for proving beyond a reasonable doubt that Harry did not commit murder involuntarily and did not have the right to do so. It is the Defence's position that the Crown clearly has not made out its case.

On all evidence you have heard today, you should come to only one conclusion: Harry committed second-degree murder as an act of self-defence and to save all of humanity from the ultimate peril, Lord Voldemort. Harry is innocent of any crime and should be free of any charges. Thank you.

JUDGE: Crown, you may proceed.

CROWN: Thank you my Lord/Lady. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, it is the Crown's

respectful submission that we have clearly met our case, that on the evidence you have heard today, Harry Potter is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of committing second-degree murder.

Consider the Crown's evidence, ladies and gentlemen. It is clear that Harry committed murder in the second-degree on Professor Quirrell. He testified today that he did murder the professor. Not for one moment however, did he think about what the effects of him holding Professor Quirrell's arm too long would do. He said that he did not believe that he would kill Professor Quirrell. This is because he reacted with instinct; he didn't stop to think first about what the consequences would be. These are the actions of a killer, not a future wizard.

Thank you.

JUDGE: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, that concludes the evidence to be heard in this matter. It is now time for your deliberations. You must determine whether Harry is guilty or not guilty of committing second-degree murder. As you may recall from the beginning of these proceedings, I outlined each of the elements that the Crown must prove beyond a reasonable doubt in order to succeed in their case against Harry. I now will take a few moments to discuss each of these elements and the evidence relating to the charge against Harry. You should have little difficulty deciding whether the Crown has met the first three elements. Identity, time and place all seem clear. Lord Voldemort identified the accused today. You also heard witnesses testify that the murder occurred on November 3rd, on the third floor of Hogwarts Academy, as described in the indictment. Another ingredient the Crown must prove is that Harry Potter murdered Professor

Quirrell. You will recall the evidence of Harry in which he admitted that he murdered the professor and Exhibit #1 the ashes of Quirrel.

The other ingredients the Crown must prove is that Harry killed the professor wrongfully and intended to kill him. In deciding these issues, you should consider the following evidence:

Exhibit #2 the tape, showed that Professor Quirrell assaulted Harry, and that Voldemort encouraged him to do so. Defence claims that Harry killed Professor Quirrell as means of self-defence and Harry had no criminal intent. Crown claims that Harry did not think of the consequences regarding Professor Quirrel, but rather acted on instinct.

I remind you that the Crown must prove that Harry is guilty of second-degree murder beyond a reasonable doubt. You must return a verdict of not guilty of the offence of second-degree murder if the Crown has not proven this beyond a reasonable doubt. You may retire to the Jury Room for deliberations. When you reach a unanimous verdict, just inform the sheriff. S/he will tell me that you are ready to return to the courtroom for the purpose of announcing your verdict.

[Jury leaves the courtroom for deliberations. Defence, Crown and Harry stand out of respect for the jury. Sheriff#2 directs the jury to Jury Room.]

JUDGE: Thank you counsel. We will now adjourn until the jury returns with their verdict.

CLERK: Order in the court. This court stands adjourned for the verdict of the Jury.

[All rise while the judge leaves the courtroom.]

CLERK: Order in the court. *[Judge enters courtroom. Everyone stands.]*

JUDGE: You may be seated. Madam/Mister Registrar, has the jury reached a verdict?

CLERK: They have my Lord/Lady.

JUDGE: Sheriff, please bring the jury in.

[Defence, Crown and Harry stand as Sheriff #2 directs the jury to their seats. Everyone can be seated after the jury sits.]

CLERK: Madam/Mister Foreperson, have you reached a verdict?

[Foreperson stands.]

FOREPERSON: Yes, we have. We the jury, find the accused, Harry Potter, guilty/not guilty of second-degree murder.

CLERK: Members of the jury, hearken to your verdict as the court does record it. You find the accused Harry Potter not guilty/guilty. This is your verdict, so say you all. Please stand to confirm your verdict.

[All members of the jury stand.]

JUDGE: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury thank you for acting as jurors in this matter. Both

society and the law benefit from your contribution. In return, I hope you have found it to be an interesting and rewarding experience. Harry, [If the verdict is not guilty] you are free to go. [If the verdict is guilty.] You have been found guilty of the offence of second-degree murder and a sentencing will be held now.

Crown, do you have a submission on the appropriate sentence?

CROWN: Yes, my Lord/Lady, I do. This is Harry's first offence and he actually admitted to murdering Professor Quirrell. I suggest that the appropriate sentence in this case is a period of imprisonment for the maximum allowed under the Youth Criminal Justice Act for this offence.

JUDGE: Defence, do you have anything to say?

DEFENCE: Yes, my Lord/Lady. Harry comes from a good family and has never done anything like this before so I submit that an absolute discharge is more appropriate. He would not have a criminal record that would spoil his future. He has gone through a criminal trial, which has been very traumatic for him and he has lost one of his favorite teachers, Professor Quirrell. He has suffered enough in my submission.

JUDGE: Harry Potter, please stand. You have been found guilty of a serious criminal offence and must not take these proceedings lightly. However, you have been straightforward and have never been in trouble before. In this case, I feel that your rehabilitation or chance to become a responsible citizen is more of a concern than the protection of the public and hereby order a suspended sentence with a period of three years probation and 700 hours of community work.

CLERK: This court stands adjourned. Order in the court.

[All rise as the judge exits the courtroom.]



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