

FIRST UPDATE MEMORANDUM
2025 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational

People v. Reed

12/20/2024

Question No. 1. The python coding of the AI Chatbot (exhibit 11) could not result in the Chatbot conversations depicted in exhibit 10. Is that an intentional discrepancy?

Answer: The problem will stand as written. This is not intended to create a discrepancy to be raised at trial. For purposes of the Mock Trial Problem, teams should presume that the python coding provided would result in the conversations depicted in Exhibit 10. Teams are reminded that the Mock Trial Problem is a “closed universe,” meaning that teams are limited to the materials that are included in the Problem materials.

Question No. 2. For exhibit 7, Peyton's address and the mansion's address are the same. It's also the address on the pizza receipt (Exhibit 8). Is the abandoned mansion Peyton's house he shares with his parents per his affidavit, or is Peyton unhoused?

Answer: This is an inadvertent typographical error. Exhibit 7 should state that Peyton Reed's address is 1906 Penny Lane, Logan's Landing, Illinois.

Question No. 3. Stipulation 12 of the Pretrial Order states Peyton brought 15 grams of brownies, but the police tested 57 grams. How did the police test more brownies than what Peyton brought? Is this a typo?

Answer: The problem will stand as written. The question misstates the stipulation.

"Both parties stipulate that the defendant brought **at least** 15 grams of frosted brownies to the party; 57 grams of these brownies were tested by the Illinois State Police in Exhibit 13." (emphasis added)

Read *with* stipulation 5 - "The parties also stipulate to the following: Exhibit 4 is a fair and accurate photograph of the frosted brownies distributed by the Defendant and tested by the Illinois State Police in Exhibit 13."

Question No. 4. Were both the brownies and the frosting tested?

Answer: The problem will stand as written.

Question No. 5. On Exhibit 3 (pg. 2) the Arrival time under Admission Information gives a military time of 2044 pm. That is 8:44 pm. Chase gets to the ER at 9:45 pm. Is this an error?

Under the same Admission Information section, it states the Admit Date/Time as 1824 which is 6:24 pm. This is BEFORE the patient's arrival time.

Answer: These are inadvertent typographical errors. Exhibit 3, pg. 2 should state that the Arrival Time under Admission Information was 2144 in both locations.

Question No. 6. On Exhibit 7 under Chain of Custody Log it indicates that the evidence was logged at 12:00 pm on September 29. That is over 12 hours after the evidence was collected. Is this an error?

Answer: The problem will stand as written.