

Dear Scout:

October 24, 2025

We are thrilled that you will be attending the third annual Law Merit Badge Day on November 22, 2025 at Loyola Law School. We have enclosed several materials for your review prior to November 7.

First, please find attached a copy of the mock trial materials for this year's Law Merit Badge Day. The mock trial will deal with charges of theft and attempted murder and will be presided over by the Honorable David A. Berger (Retired), who has served as a Los Angeles Superior Court since 2021. There are **nine** roles in the mock trial for which we need Scouts to volunteer:

- There are **five** witnesses: **two** deputy sheriffs (H and R Block); the treating physician (Dr. Kevorkian); the confidential defense therapist (Dr. Phil); and the victim (G.I. Ant).
- Additionally, we need volunteers to play the roles of the **two** prosecutors and **two** defense attorneys.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above roles, please email Law Day Coordinator Hannibal Sullivan (Hannibal.Sullivan@scouting.org) with **every role** you are interesting in playing listed in terms of preference.

Additionally, we have also enclosed a copy of the requirements for the Law Merit Badge along with the following **three** requirements that should be completed in advance of Law Day:

- Ask five people (not more than one from your immediate family) about the role of law enforcement officers in our society. Discuss their answers with them. Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask about his or her responsibilities and duties. Report your findings.
- Make a list of 15 jobs that deal with some aspect of law or legal processes (see below for examples). Tell which you prefer. Why? (**Note:** there are examples of legal jobs in the attached materials).
- Bring your Law worksheet that will be attached to this e-mail as well.

Again, please complete these assignments ahead of the Law Merit Badge Day. There is space in the enclosed materials to write down your responses to these questions.

If you have any questions about any of the enclosed materials, please feel free to contact Law Day Coordinator Hannibal Sullivan (Hannibal.Sullivan@scouting.org). We look forward to seeing you on November 7.

Sincerely,
Legal Eagles Law Day Committee

Law Merit Badge Checklist

- ☐ Define "law." Tell some of its sources. Describe functions it serves.
- ☐ Discuss TWO of the following:
 - Justinian's Code, The Code of Hammurabi, and the Magna Carta.
 - The development of the jury system.
 - Two famous trials in history.
- ☐ Tell what civil law is; tell what criminal law is. Tell the main differences between them. Give examples of each.
- ☐ Tell about several laws that were passed to protect the consumer and the seller. Tell about several organizations that provide help to consumers and sellers.
- ☐ Do ONE of the following:
 - Attend a session of a civil or criminal court. Write 250 words or more on what you saw.
 - Plan and conduct a mock trial with your troop or school class. After the trial is over, discuss it with the group.
- ☐ Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government agency. Find out his or her duties and responsibilities. Report what you have learned.
- ☐ Explain the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state. Describe how judges are selected in your state.
- ☐ Tell where people can go to obtain the help of a lawyer if they are unable to pay for one. Tell what you can do if you can afford a lawyer but do not know of any in your area.
- ☐ Discuss with your counselor the importance in our society of TWO of the following areas of the law:
 - Environmental law
 - Computers and the Internet
 - Copyright and the Internet
 - Space travel and satellites orbiting Earth
 - Patents
 - Biotechnology
 - Privacy law
 - International law

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- ☐ Make a list of 15 jobs that deal with some aspect of law or legal processes (see below for examples). Tell which you prefer. Why?
- Trial attorney (civil law)
 - White Collar attorney (economic crimes)
 - Patent Attorney
 - Healthcare Attorney
 - Labor/Employment Attorney
 - In-house counsel for a company (like ESPN, Disney, Apple, etc.)
 - District Attorney (state prosecutor)
 - Federal Prosecutor
 - Law Professor
 - Legislator
 - Governor
 - Mayor
 - Judge
 - City Council
 - Law enforcement

MOCK TRIAL PROBLEM

Office of the Sheriff

Incident Report

April 1, 2025

On April 1, 2025, Patrol Deputies H. Block and R. Block responded to an emergency call at the Widow's house. There they found a very large man with multiple injuries, an axe and a chopped down beanstalk. The injured man was later identified as Mr. G.I. Ant.

Deputy R. Block asked the Widow where her son Jack was, and she stated that he was visiting his girlfriend and had not been home since last night. He noticed that the Widow was wearing several items of yellow metal jewelry including a tennis bracelet, earrings and a cocktail ring. She claimed that these were recent gifts from her son Jack who was now dating a princess named Jill.

Deputy H. Block summoned the paramedics to take the victim to University Hospital for treatment. H. Block accompanied the paramedics to the hospital and en route Mr. Ant stated that he saw a young adult who he believes to be Jack running from the scene as he fell from the chopped beanstalk.

Deputy R. Block retrieved and placed into evidence a standard axe, which contained fragments, which appeared to be from the chopped beanstalk. He summoned the photographer to take pictures of the beanstalk, which had been cut, and the ground, which had blood splattering evidently from Mr. Ant's injuries.

There is some history with the department consisting mostly of petty juvenile crimes and habitual truancy. There are a number of previous referrals to child welfare. The Widow has been investigated by child welfare numerous times over the past 10 years. Jack's father is in state prison, and his stepfather died as a result of extreme lactose reaction to a diet that consisted exclusively of milk from a cow that the family has recently sold. All the child welfare investigations were either inconclusive or unfounded. Child welfare did provide remedial services and referrals for aid to the county welfare department. There are also claims of lack of school attendance, a referral to Regional Center, and to the School District for an I.E.P as the mother claims Jack to be slow and dimwitted. These were never followed up on and Jack is now an adult.

While at the University Hospital emergency room, Deputy H. Block interviewed Dr. Krevorkian who stated that he treated Mr. Ant for multiple contusions, a broken clavicle, several cracked ribs, and a severe concussion. The Dr. said that the patient had provided a history of falling a distance of approximately 180 feet to a grass surface, and that considering the length of the fall he is lucky to be alive. The victim is being held in the hospital for overnight observation where Deputy H Block interviewed him.

Mr. G.I. Ant related that he and his wife has been the victim of several petty thefts, which have occurred over the past several weeks. He believes that Jack perpetrated all of these. Mr. Ant said that approximately three weeks ago, a beanstalk grew to height, which enabled a person to enter Mr. Ant's property by climbing the beanstalk. At the time that the beanstalk grew into Mr. Ant's yard, there was an intruder. Mr. Ant claims to have a keen sense of smell, and he claims

that the same person perpetrated all the occurrences. On the last occasion, he identified that person as Jack.

Approximately 3 weeks ago, someone entered his house and stole a bag of gold coins, which he had been counting. He had fallen asleep. When he awoke, he noticed that a bag of gold was missing. Although he did not see the person's face, he did see a young male running towards the beanstalk. His wife told him later that the individual was Jack who had climbed the beanstalk in search of food.

Mr. Ant did not file a report at the time as he owned a golden goose, which laid gold coins. Mr. Ant said that a couple of days ago the same person who had stolen his bag of gold also took the goose that lays the gold. Mr. Ant also failed to report this as well.

On the day of his injury, Mr. Ant claims that he caught Jack stealing his prized golden harp. As Jack climbed down the beanstalk carrying the harp, Mr. Ant pursued him on foot shouting "Fi, Fie, Fo, Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman". He claims to have also shouted, "stop, thief". When Jack reached the ground, he started chopping at the beanstalk with a standard chopping axe. When he had severed the beanstalk from the trunk, Mr. Ant fell from a distance of approximately 180 feet, which caused severe injuries. Mr. Ant said that Jack fled before the Sheriff's deputies arrived to provide aid.

Based on the statements of Mr. Ant, and our investigation, this case is being referred to the District Attorney recommending that charges of attempted murder, assault with intent to create great bodily harm, theft, and trespassing be filed against Jack.

H. & R. Block

Deputies Sheriff

CONFIDENTIAL
THIS MATERIAL IS SUBJECT TO THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT AND/OR THE PSYCHOTHERAPIST – PATIENT PRIVILEGES

To: Jack's Attorneys
From: Dr. Phil
Date: April 20, 2025

Re: Jack's Mental Condition

Thank you for the referral, I really appreciate the opportunity to consult on this case and for the prompt payment in gold for my services.

In preparing this evaluation, I spoke with Jack, and his mother, the Widow. I also reviewed the entire case file.

Jack presents as a delayed 18 year old adult, who is functioning at a cognitive fifth grade level. His math skills are more deficient than his verbal skills, and his verbal skills are quite lacking. He was primarily raised by a single mother, who at times was verbally abusive and neglectful. His biological father is in state prison, and for a time there was a step-father who was not very involved in his life. Jack does not relate to the stepfather, who is now deceased.

Jack describes one incident where he was punished for weeks by deprivation of food and isolation for trading the family cow for some magical beans. Although there were several referrals to child protective services, no formal action was ever initiated in Juvenile Court. There was a referral for an educational assessment, however Jack's mother failed to follow through with the appointment.

I am encouraged that Jack is able to form and maintain social relationships with peers. He mentions positively a girlfriend named Jill who he has recently met. I am troubled that he has evidently bought her a number of expensive gifts perhaps in an attempt to gain her friendship. This relationship might prove troublesome should Jill decide to break it off given Jack's current mental health.

As a bottom line, Jack suffers from situational traumatic stress syndrome. This is largely the result of years of parental neglect and verbal abuse. When under extreme stress, Jack has great difficulty making wise decisions and conforming his conduct to legal requirements and society demands.

I sincerely hope this is helpful, and I look forward to the next time I may be of service.

Dr. Phil

SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES
FOR BRING YOUR KID'S TO WORK DAY

PEOPLE) **CASE NO: CR 000001**
) **INDICTMENT**
vs.)
)
JACK)

The said defendant known only as Jack is accused by the Grand Jury of the Superior Court of Los Angeles, by this Indictment of the following crimes:

Count 1

That on or about April 1, 2025, the defendant did intentionally and willfully commit the crime of Attempted Murder, by chopping down a bean stock with an axe. This caused the victim Mr. G.I. Ant to fall from height likely to cause death.

Count 2

That on or about April 1, 2025, the defendant did intentionally and willfully chop down a bean stock with an axe knowing that the victim Mr. G.I. Ant was climbing down the bean stock. The defendant intended to cause the victim to suffer great bodily injury due to the height of the bean stock and the distance of the intended fall. Mr. G.I. Ant did in fact suffer great bodily injury.

Count 3

That on or about April 1, 2025, and numerous times before, the Defendant did knowingly enter onto the premises of Mr. G. I. Ant without permission or license. The intended purpose of entering the premises was to take the property of the victims Mr. and Mrs. G.I. Ant.

Count 4

That on or about March 11, 2025, and several occasions between March 11, 2025 and April 1, 2025, the defendant did willfully take gold coins, a golden harp, and the goose that laid the gold coins, from the lawful owners Mr. and Mrs. G.I. Ant without prior permission and authorization.

A TRUE BILL

Knaughton Miwatch

**Knaughton Miwatch
Foreperson of the Grand Jury**

Presented by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury in the presence of the Grand Jury, in the County of Los Angeles, for the express purpose of providing some entertainment and meaningful education for County Counsel Bring Your Child to School Day.

Hangem Haigh

**Hangem Haigh
Office of the District Attorney**

AND AS ALWAYS NO BAIL

Jack & Bean Stock Legal Appendix

187 Murders

Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought. Such malice may be express or implied.

- (a) It is express when there is manifested a deliberate intention unlawfully to take away the life of a fellow creature.
- (b) It is implied, when no considerable provocation appears, or when the circumstances attending the killing show an abandoned and malignant heart.

245 Assaults with Intent to Create Great Bodily Harm

Any person who commits an assault upon the person of another with a deadly weapon or instrument other than a firearm or by any means of force likely to produce great bodily injury shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years, or in a county jail for not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both the fine and imprisonment.

484 Common thefts

Every person who shall feloniously steal, take, carry, lead, or drive away the personal property of another, or who shall fraudulently appropriate property which has been entrusted to him or her, or who shall knowingly and designedly, by any false or fraudulent representation or pretense, defraud any other person of money, labor or real or personal property, or who causes or procures others to report falsely of his or her wealth or mercantile character and by thus imposing upon any person, obtains credit and thereby fraudulently gets or obtains possession of money, or property or obtains the labor or service of another, is guilty of **theft**.

603 Trespasses.

Every person who forcibly and without the consent of the owner, representative of the owner, lessee or representative of the lessee thereof, enters a dwelling house, cabin, or other building occupied or constructed for occupation by humans, and who damages, injures or destroys any property of value in, around or appertaining to such dwelling house, cabin or other building, is guilty of a trespass.

664. Attempted Crimes

Every person who attempts to commit any crime, but fails, or is prevented or intercepted in its perpetration, shall be punished where no provision is made by law for the punishment of those attempts, as follows:

- (a) If the crime attempted is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, the person guilty of the attempt shall be punished by

imprisonment in the state prison for one-half the term of imprisonment prescribed upon a conviction of the offense attempted.

- (b) However, if the crime attempted is willful, deliberate, and premeditated murder, the person guilty of that attempt shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life with the possibility of parole.

Jury Instructions

People v. Jack

Evidence and Credibility of Witnesses

When you judge the facts you are to consider only the evidence. The evidence in the case includes: Testimony of the witnesses, and exhibits that were received in evidence.

You must disregard testimony, which is stricken from the record or to which an objection was sustained. Exhibits that were received in evidence are available, upon your request, for your inspection and consideration. Evidence does not include statements of the lawyers.

Credibility of Witnesses

As judges of the facts, you alone determine the truthfulness and accuracy of the testimony of each witness. You must decide whether a witness told the truth and was accurate, or instead, testified falsely or was mistaken. You must also decide what importance to give to the testimony you accept as truthful and accurate. It is the quality of the testimony that is controlling, not the number of witnesses who testify.

If you find that any witness has intentionally testified falsely as to any material fact, you may disregard that witness's entire testimony. Or, you may disregard so much of it as you find was untruthful, and accept so much of it as you find to have been truthfully and accurately given.

Proof Beyond A Reasonable Doubt

We now turn to the fundamental principles of our law that apply in all criminal trials—the presumption of innocence, the burden of proof, and the requirement of proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Throughout these proceedings, the defendant is presumed to be innocent. As a result, you must find the defendant not guilty, unless, on the evidence presented at this trial, you conclude that the People have proven the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Attempted Murder

All murder which is perpetrated by any kind of willful, deliberate and premeditated killing with express malice aforethought is murder of the first degree. If you find that Jack cut down the bean stock with the clear and deliberate intent to kill the person climbing down the bean stock, it is an attempted murder. Unless Jack can prove a defense, he is guilty of attempted murder. The deliberate intent to commit murder may be inferred if you find that the evidence shows beyond a reasonable doubt that Jack acted with a depraved mind or an abandoned or malignant heart. A depraved mind or malignant heart may be inferred if the defendant acts in circumstances where there was an unusually high risk that his conduct would cause death or serious bodily injury.

Assault with intent to create great bodily injury

If you find beyond a reasonable doubt that Jack chopped down the bean stock using an axe with the specific intent to cause or create great bodily injury, it is an assault with intent to create great bodily injury. Unless Jack can establish a defense, he is guilty of assault with intent to create great bodily injury.

Theft

If you find beyond a reasonable doubt that Jack did steal, take, carry, lead, or drive away the personal property of another, it is a theft. Unless Jack can establish a defense, he is guilty of theft.

Trespass

If you find beyond a reasonable doubt, that Jack entered the dwelling house or other property occupied by humans, and that he did destroy, damage or otherwise injure any property of value, in or around the dwelling house or other building, it is a trespass. Unless Jack can establish a defense, he is guilty of the crime of trespass.

Burden of Proof Affirmative Defenses

The Defendant has the burden of proof to establish all the element of any defense by a preponderance of evidence.

"Preponderance of the evidence" means evidence that has more convincing force than that opposed to it. If the evidence is so evenly balanced that you are unable to say that the evidence on either side of an issue preponderates, your finding on that issue must be against the party who had the burden of proving it.

Defense of Self-defense

A person is privileged to use such force as reasonably appears necessary to defend himself against an unlawful and immediate threat of violence from another. Deadly force may be used when a defendant has a reasonable belief that he is threatened with immediate physical harm and that force is reasonably necessary to prevent the threatened harm.

If Jack establishes by a preponderance of evidence that he faced an unlawful and an immediate threat of physical harm, and that chopping down the bean stock was necessary to prevent the threatened harm, he has established the defense of self-defense. If he establishes this defense, you must return verdict of not guilty for the charges of both attempted murder and assault with the intent to create great bodily injury.

Defense of Mental Impairment

If Jack can prove by preponderance of evidence that at the time the act was committed, he suffered from a mental impairment and that this mental impairment rendered him incapable of knowing the nature and quality of his acts, and that his conduct was wrong, he has established the defense of mental impairment.

If you find Jack suffered a mental impairment, you must find him not guilty from crimes resulting from his actions committed during the period in which he suffered the mental impairment.

Law Merit Badge Day
Direct Examination – H. Block

Basics

1. Ask Who, What, Why, When, & How Questions
2. Prove your elements
3. Tell the story
4. Listen to answers
5. Bring out “bad facts” first

Sample Questions

1. What do you do for a living?
2. Where you working on April 1, 2025?
3. Did you respond to an emergency call at the Widow’s house?
4. Who did you see there?
5. Identified him as G.I. Ant?
6. Describe how he looked?
7. What sort of tools did you find at scene?
8. How did the beanstalk look?
9. What did you do to help treat G.I. Ant?
10. What did you do when paramedics took G.I. Ant to hospital?
11. During ride to hospital, what did G.I. Ant tell you about who he might have seen as he fell from beanstalk?
12. Who did you speak with at hospital about what happened to G.I. Ant?
13. Did you talk with G.I. Ant too?
14. What did G.I. Ant tell you about what happened?

Law Merit Badge Day
Cross Examination – H. Block

Basics

1. Use your questions to tell the story by asking “yes” or “no” question
2. Cast doubt on elements; sometimes answers don’t matter
3. Tell YOUR story
4. Listen to answers and ask unplanned follow up questions if needed

Sample Questions

1. Fingerprints are an important way to tell if a person touched something, right?
2. Did not check beanstalk for fingerprints, did you?
3. Didn’t check Jack to see if he had any pieces of beanstalk on him, right?
4. Don’t know if jewelry Widow was wearing was G.I. Ant’s, right?
5. Because never showed it to G.I. Ant to see if that was jewelry he claims was stolen?
6. Never followed up to see if Jack went to any local jewelers to try and buy jewelry with gold did you?
7. Never checked to see if another young boy was doing the same?

Law Merit Badge Day
Direct Examination – R. Block

Basics

1. Ask Who, What, Why, When, & How Questions
2. Prove your elements
3. Tell the story
4. Listen to answers

Sample Questions

1. What do you do for a living?
2. Where you working on April 1, 2025?
3. Did you respond to an emergency call at the Widow's house?
4. Who did you see there?
5. Identified him as G.I. Ant?
6. Describe how he looked?
7. What sort of tools did you find at scene?
8. How did you document the items you found at the scene?
9. Why didn't you send the axe to the lab for analysis?
10. Why didn't you test the blood found at the scene?
11. What did you do to help treat G.I. Ant?
12. What did Widow say about where her son was?
13. What sort of jewelry was Widow wearing?
14. Where did she say she got it?
15. What did you do when paramedics took G.I. Ant to hospital?
16. During ride to hospital, what did G.I. Ant tell you about who he might have seen as he fell from beanstalk?
17. Who did you speak with at hospital about what happened to G.I. Ant?
18. Did you talk with G.I. Ant too?
19. What did G.I. Ant tell you about what happened?

Law Merit Badge Day
Cross Examination – R. Block

Basics

1. Use your questions to tell the story by asking “yes” or “no” question
2. Cast doubt on elements; sometimes answers don’t matter
3. Tell YOUR story
4. Listen to answers and ask unplanned follow up questions if needed

Sample Questions

1. Fingerprints are an important way to tell if a person touched something, right?
2. Did not send axe to lab for fingerprint analysis, did you?
3. Never showed jewelry Widow was wearing to Mr. G.I. Ant to see if that jewelry was his, right?
4. Didn’t show Mr. G.I. Ant pictures of jewelry either, did you?
5. Never checked local jewelry stores to see if Jack bought a bunch of jewelry with gold?
6. Didn’t even see if another person bought jewelry with gold?
7. Didn’t see if someone was trying to sell a bunch of gold?
8. Mr. G.I. Ant claimed he had been robbed several times before, true?
9. No police reports of those supposed earlier robberies, right?
10. No security cameras up at Mr. G.I. Ant’s house as one might expect after allegedly being robbed so many times were there?

Law Merit Badge Day
Direct Examination – Dr. Kervorkian

Basics

1. Ask Who, What, Why, When, & How Questions
2. Prove your elements
3. Tell the story
4. Listen to answers

Sample Questions

1. What do you do for a living?
2. Where you working on April 1, 2025?
3. Did you treat patient named Mr. Ant that day?
4. What sort of injuries did you observe?
5. How did Mr. Ant say that he was injured?
6. Were his injuries consistent with a fall from 180 feet to a grass surface?
7. Is Mr. Ant lucky to be alive after that fall?
8. Why?

Law Merit Badge Day
Cross Examination – Dr. Kervorkian

Basics

1. Use your questions to tell the story by asking “yes” or “no” question
2. Cast doubt on elements; sometimes answers don’t matter
3. Tell YOUR story
4. Listen to answers and ask unplanned follow up questions if needed

Sample Questions

1. Have extensive medical training, right?
2. So you are very familiar with the way that our bodies work?
3. Know and understand how our various senses work?
4. Familiar with our sense of touch?
5. Know that when a person touches something they typically leave a fingerprint?
6. Those fingerprints are unique to each person, aren’t they?
7. Also, you know how our sense of smell operates?
8. So you would agree that the way a person smells is not unique to that person?
9. Not in same way a fingerprint might be?
10. In fact, humans are not like dogs and do not have ability to tell people apart based on smell, do they?

Law Merit Badge Day
Direct Examination – Dr. Phil

Basics

1. Ask Who, What, Why, When, & How Questions
2. Tell the story – prove defenses
3. Listen to answers

Sample Questions

1. What do you do for a living?
2. Who hired you in this case?
3. Who did you talk with to come up with evaluation?
4. What documents did you review?
5. What were you trying to assess in this case?
6. What kind of history did you get about Jack?
7. Who raised Jack mostly?
8. How loving and attentive was Jack's mother?
9. How was Jack punished as child?
10. Where there ever any times when Jack's family was referred to child protective services?
11. What were you paid for your work in this case?
12. How would you describe Jack's cognitive functioning?
13. What are Jack's math skills like compared to his age?
14. What level does Jack function with verbal skills?
15. What diagnosis have you made for Jack?
16. How does this effect his ability to make good decisions?
17. How does this effect his ability to conform his conduct to legal requirements and society demands?

Law Merit Badge Day
Cross Examination – Dr. Phil

Basics

1. Use your questions to tell the story by asking “yes” or “no” question
2. Cast doubt on defenses; sometimes answers don’t matter
3. Tell YOUR story
4. Listen to answers and ask unplanned follow up questions if needed

Sample Questions

1. Things growing up for Jack were not bad enough to ever warrant a formal referral to juvenile court, right?
2. In fact, were not so bad that child protective services even stepped in to do anything?
3. Encouraged by Jack’s social relationships, right?
4. Able to think clearly enough to know that Jill might like him more if he gave her expensive gifts?
5. Has a positive relationship with Jill?
6. Know that Jack fled the scene after chopping down the beanstalk, right?
7. Wouldn’t you agree that people flee the scene of a crime because they are afraid of getting caught?
8. If they are afraid of getting caught they must understand the significance of their actions, true?

Law Merit Badge Day
Direct Examination – Mr. G.I. Ant

Basics

1. Ask Who, What, Why, When, & How Questions
2. Tell the story
3. Listen to answers

Sample Questions

1. Where you at home on April 1, 2025
2. Did you catch someone stealing from your home that day?
3. Who was that person?
4. How do you know it was Jack?
5. What did you see Jack doing?
6. Did you give Jack permission to come into your house?
7. Why did you pursue Jack down the beanstalk?
8. What, if anything, did you say to Jack when you followed him down beanstalk?
9. Did Jack do anything when he got to the bottom of the beanstalk?
10. What happened to you when Jack chopped down the beanstalk?
11. How were you injured?
12. What were your injuries?
13. Had you ever been robbed in the past?
14. When?
15. What happened?
16. Did you identify the person who robbed you before?
17. What was stolen in the past?
18. You give Jack permission to take these things in the past?

Law Merit Badge Day
Cross Examination – Mr. G.I. Ant

Basics

1. Use your questions to tell the story by asking “yes” or “no” question
2. Cast doubt on elements; sometimes answers don’t matter
3. Tell YOUR story
4. Listen to answers and ask unplanned follow up questions if needed

Sample Questions

1. Never saw the face of person you claim robbed you in approximately March 2025, right?
2. You just saw a young male running toward the beanstalk, true?
3. In fact, you were asleep when this happened, right?
4. So, it was dark out when you woke up and supposedly saw this?
5. What was stolen that time was a bag of gold, right?
6. But you never reported it to the police?
7. Claim to have been victim of several petty thefts?
8. Never reported any of them did you?
9. After all these thefts didn’t install security cameras?
10. Back to April 1, 2025, when you were chasing the thief down the beanstalk, you actually said “Fi, Fie, Fo, Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman” didn’t you?
11. You are a very large man, are you not?
12. And the person you say was stealing from you is just a boy?
13. Much smaller than you?
14. Probably fearful of someone threatening that they smell their blood?