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# Murder Mystery Brief

## School of Law



## Synopsis

Abigail wants to get back together with Ben. Ben refuses.

Upset, Abigail talks to Charlie (her best friend) about Ben. Charlie suggests that they go out later that night and let their hair down. She hands a little plastic bag with two pills to Abigail. She has been doing this regularly since Abigail and Ben 'broke up.'

Seeing the exchange, Ben drags Abigail somewhere to speak privately, in the hope that he can convince her that Charlie isn't a good friend. During this conversation, Abigail finds out that Charlie split her (Abigail) and Ben up. Ben tells Abigail that Charlie told him that she and Abigail loved each other and had been having an affair. Ben admits that he believed everything Charlie said, hence why he has no interest in 'getting back' with her.

Abigail rushes to Charlie and confronts her on the matter. They go around the corner where it is more private. They argue, and Charlie confesses she loves Abigail. Charlie tells Abigail that Ben isn't right for her. Ben joins the fray.

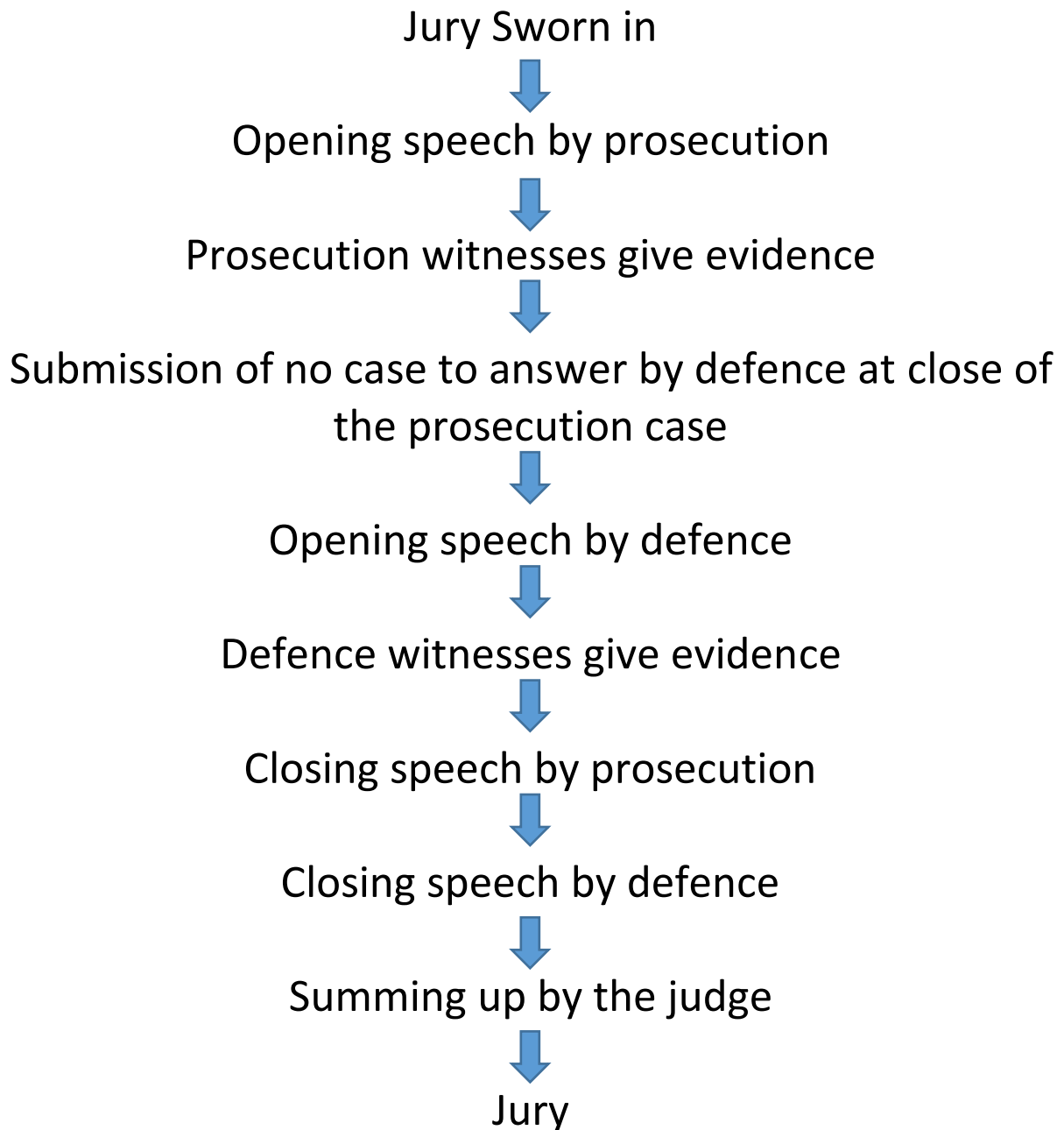
There appears to be a confrontation between Charlie, Abigail and Ben. Unfortunately, CCTV has not picked up the confrontation on video. The confrontation leads to Abigail falling over the rails and dying.

Adam, Ben's friend, sees the initial stages of the argument.

**Utilising the CCTV and witness evidence, the CPS has decided to charge and prosecute. Ben is charged with Abigail's manslaughter (involuntarily.)**

As teams, you will represent the prosecution and defence, and we will focus on examining and cross examining the parties.

## Trial Procedure



## Statement to Police from Ben Jones – handed in after a ‘no comment’ interview.

I have been arrested on suspicion of killing my ex-girlfriend Abigail Mulliner at approximately 10.33 am on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

On the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, I had discussed with Abigail that I was not interested in rekindling our relationship.

After she walked away, I saw, Charlie handing a bag to Abigail containing what looked like some pills. To be fair, she did not look ‘with it’ for a few weeks, and everything made sense. She had been very emotional and I was very firm with her that I did not want to enter into a relationship with her.

I went back across and took Abigail away from Charlie, and I explained this to Abigail and I explained to her that Charlie was a bad friend. I also told her (Abigail) that Charlie told me that they were in a relationship, and that was why I ended our relationship. She denied this and said the same was not true, and that they were just friends.

I also explained to her that Charlie was nothing but a street pharmacist, and clearly she was now giving drugs to her. I had no interest in being in a relationship with somebody that was always taking drugs.

I saw her go across to Charlie on the top floor at Senate House, and around the corner.

I went across to see what was going on, and Charlie and Abigail were arguing. Abigail was very close to the rails. The argument was heated and both Charlie and Abigail were crying. I stepped in to stop them and there was some pushing and shoving, and Abigail fell from the top floor.

I ran downstairs and called an ambulance.

I did not push, nor kill Abigail.

Signed: *Ben Jones*

Dated: 28 July 2021

# Witness Statement of Charlie Anthony

My name is Charlie Anthony, and I witnessed the killing of Abigail Mulliner at the hands of Ben Jones, at approximately 10.30 on 28 June 2021. I have known Abigail for 12 years. We grew up together.

On the morning in question, I met up with Abigail as usual downstairs in Senate House and we waited around for our class to start. The weather was sunny and everybody was in a good mood. Ben came over and asked to speak with Abigail. They went across the floor where I could see them having a conversation. The conversation appeared to be heated. Ben walked away, and Abigail came over back to me. She was very upset we talked about going out that night and letting our hair down. I told him to forget about him, she had me.

Next thing I knew, Ben had stormed across, grabbed Abigail's hand, and took her across the floor to where they had their first conversation. I could see that Abigail was visibly upset, and she walked away from him, and came back to me. She said that she needed to talk to me so we went around the corner for some privacy.

We discussed the fact that I had told Ben that myself and Abigail had had a relationship, and she wanted to know why I had done that. I explained to her that it was the truth and clearly we loved each other. Why else would she have kissed me?

At this point, Ben came across to us while we were having our private conversation. The conversation was about our love and our growing relationship, and I told him that he needs to let Abigail go as she doesn't need to him anymore.

Due to his jealousy and rage, he pushed Abigail, and she fell over the rail.

I tried to stop him, but he was too strong for me. He has also been violent towards her in the past, so clearly, he would do it again. I ran downstairs and I couldn't believe that she was not moving.

Signed: *Charlie Anthony*

Date: 28/06/2021

## Witness statement of Adam Mitchell

On the day in question, I arrived at university at the usual time, and saw what appeared to be a heated discussion between Ben and Abigail. Abigail then walked off and Ben came over to me. We spoke briefly about class that day and what our plans were for the weekend. Suddenly, Ben rushed off and I saw him take Abigail's hand and walk across to the floor. I don't know why he went across to her again. Shortly thereafter, Abigail walked away from Ben and went across to talk to her friend, that Charlie. Everybody knows she's a little weird. Abigail and Charlie then went around the corner. Ben followed shortly after. There was some arguing and shouting going on, before there was a scream. I don't see how Ben could have possibly pushed Abigail on purpose. It's a mistake and Ben would not do that.

Signed: *Adam Mitchell*

Dated: 28 June 2021

# CCTV Transcript

CCTV audio has picked up an argument between Abigail and Ben in the aftermath of the incident.

**Ben**

This is your fault! You gave her that stuff! What was it?!

**Charlie**

I don't know what you're talking about!

**Ben**

I saw you give her something. She was high as a kite. She couldn't see straight.

**Charlie**

Don't start pointing the finger at me. I didn't give her anything. She's a big girl, she can get her own gear.

**Ben**

She would never have started taking that stuff if it wasn't for you. This is all your fault.

**Charlie**

You wanna' talk about fault? Why did you even come up? Why did you push her?

**Ben**

I wanted to apologise. I didn't push her!

**Charlie**

Oh yeah. Cos' you fix everything with an apology.

**Ben**

What's that supposed to mean?

**Charlie**

Finally getting your own back were you? It was only a matter of time before you hit back.

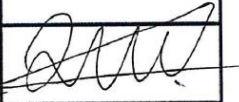
**Ben**

I didn't touch her! That only ever happened once!

**Charlie**

You've got a temper and we all know it. You've had it in for her for months!

# Toxicology Report

TOXICOLOGICAL REPORT N°2010/5555				
Victim name: <u>ABIGAIL MULLINER</u>				
Requested by: _____				
Toxicological parameter	Analytical technique and limit of detection (LOD)	Sample (refer the anatomic place of blood collection)	Result and units	Forensic analyst signature
_____	_____	VENIPUNCTURE	METH - 500NG MDMA - 500NG OPIATES - 2000NG	
Commentary: <u>THE DECEASED HAD HIGH LEVELS OF METH AMPHETAMINES, MDMA and OPIATES IN SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKIN BLOOD SAMPLE</u>				
Date, place and signature of the service director: <u>22/08/2019 Miss Munnelly</u>				

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