

INSTRUCTIONS FOR B. MILLER
(Eyewitness to accident)

[Note: Do not let anyone see these instructions.]

1. Case Summary

This case involves a fatal accident that occurred in the dry riverbed of the Ronson River in Springdale on October 1, [-1]. The deceased, Ash Johnson, was riding his/her motorcycle in the riverbed when the motorcycle hit a large rock. Johnson was ejected from the motorcycle, landing face down in the riverbed, breaking his/her neck. You witnessed the accident.

2. Personal Background

[Feel free to develop any realistic personal background.]

3. Your story

You had witnessed the accident in the Ronson River riverbed on the afternoon of October 1, [-1]. You had been riding your bike west bound, and saw another bike practicing wheelies in the riverbed, in both east and west directions. There were no other bikers in the area at that time. The other bike was going as fast as 35 mph.

On one of the runs, going east bound towards you, the biker hit something, because the bike stopped suddenly, throwing the biker over the handlebars and landing face down, where he/she lay without moving. A person on the north side of the riverbed walked over to where the biker lay, bent over him/her, then made what looked like a call on a cell phone.

A police car arrived minutes later, then EMT shortly after. The EMTs put the body on a stretcher and into the ambulance and left the scene. The police officer talked to the person by the motorcycle who witnessed the accident. After a while, they left the scene.

During this time you were stopped in the riverbed about 300 feet from where the accident happened. You didn't want to get involved, and you didn't know if riding in the riverbed is legal, although lots of people do it.

You do know, from years of riding dirt bikes, that the Ronson River riverbed is a dangerous place to ride a bike. That's because the loose gravel and sand is a soft surface, so you have to be extra careful. The loose gravel can also hide other dangerous stuff such as large rocks, logs, and other debris from floods. You also need a proper cycle—a dirt bike—and proper equipment—a helmet and protective clothing, which is what you always use.

When you heard that the accident you witnessed resulted in a death, you knew you should call the Sheriff's Department. So you did on October 3. A short time later, Officer Riley talked to you on the telephone, and you told him/her what you had witnessed.

4. Documents

You have seen, and are familiar with, the documents attached to these instructions. If there is a circumstance where, while you are staying in character, you would show one of the documents below to an attorney, you can do so, but you cannot show any attorney this set of instructions.

5. Instructions on Role Playing

In role-playing B. Miller, please stay “in character” at all times.



