**Defense Attorney: Opening Statement**

Good morning members of the jury, my name is XYZ and I represent David in this case before you today.

You have heard the prosecutor explain what he has hoped will be proven, but the prosecutor did not explain **all** the facts and have tried to mislead the audience.

The prosecutor has explained that my client was “identified” as the murderer, but in fact there have been no witnesses to this case, and he has made many inconsistent statements about the case.

The prosecutor has explained that my client was found in his home while the weapon of murder was in sight too. However, David was never seen holding the gun. This raises the doubt that the weapon could have been purposefully planted.

David has not ye confessed to any of these accusations while the prosecutor believes it is an open and shut case.

So we would ask you to keep an open mind and listen to ALL the evidence, and return a verdict of “not guilty”.  Thank you.

**District Attorney: Opening Statement**

Good Morning members of the honorable jury, my name is ABC and I am district Attorney. Today I am here to officially launche the investigations against David.

David, 16 years old, is a video game addict and is rumored to be involved in gang as well. His father is already in prison for a homicide. His mother works two jobs to support him and his siblings.

It is reported by police that David leaft his house at 8 pm, walked to the park and saw a boy riding his bicycle. He walked in front of him. No words are exchanged. David pulled out a 9mm Glock and shot the boy. David puts the gun away and walks home.

The detectives and police arrive at 1:00 am; The officers arrest David. He is compliant. The gun is on David’s desk in plain site. David is questioned and does not say anything. He places his head on the table. At one point he looks up and says, “Can I get a coke?” he then puts his head on the table.

Cosniderign these facts, it is evident that David is guilty and needs to be punished immediately.

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