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In the very first court proceedings for the day, a minor who was a defendant in possession of drugs was summoned. These minors faced the court along with their parents and Judge asks him if he pleas guilty, the child responded with a plea of guilty. He was then fined with a total sum of $770.00 besides community service and he also had to attend a counseling session about drugs. The judge also proclaimed that if the defendant failed to complete any three of these things, he will have to face major consequences. The case was dismissed for a while after the first hearing.

The second defendant, a boy aged 20 was brought in the court on the charges of vandalism, and the judge asked him if he pleas are guilty to which he did not plead guilty. The prosecutor told the court about the police reports and observations against the defendant. The defense counsel stated that their client was joined in this act by his few class fellows. Together they all treaded in the garage of his college teacher and smashed the windows. However, the other boys ran while their client got caught, they demanded equal punishment for other accused ones too. The court announced recess for twenty minutes to look over the facts and after recess, the judge ordered that other suspects should also be presented before the court. The court held the hearing of this trial till next Monday to provide the concerned authorities some time.

As a courtroom reporter, both the cases enhanced my knowledge about the role of the court and its hierarchy in providing criminal justice. The Judge is dependent on the prosecutor and the defense counsel for getting the facts clear and the latter depends on the judge for a fair verdict. Clarity and fair trial are essential as it is the court's responsibility to provide justice by substantive and procedural law respectively (Zahra & Sluiter, 2008).

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