

Research Case Study

Criminal Law

Scenario

Two undercover police constables enter a bar where they believe drugs are being sold. They notice two young men (the accused and a friend) who look suspicious, approach them and ask to buy some cocaine. The accused then sells them a small amount of powder cocaine. The next day the constables arrest the accused and charge him with drug trafficking. Given that the police asked to buy drugs, is entrapment a viable defense?

Exercise

1. Using the resources available in the Members Section, find relevant paragraphs in online textbooks, encyclopedias, and journal articles.
2. Find key judgments using global search in WestlawNext.
3. Find key judgments using the Canadian Abridgment (in WestlawNext)
4. Discuss the relative advantages of each of 1 through 3. Which procedures are the most and least efficient for locating key case authorities?

Please review the research study guide instructions before beginning.