

Once upon A Crime!

On Thursday the sixth of October the trial of Goldilocks began in Courtroom 26.

Baillif Ava Kinsella led the accused into the courtroom.

The accused, Miss Goldilocks, was charged on the accounts of breaking and entering, trespassing and property damage.

The prosecution, Mr. Ben Cullen, opened their case with a bang leading to Goldilocks immediately confessing to trespassing and property damage. Goldilocks claimed that she had no home of her own to go to.

The defence, Miss Sophia Colclough called the first witness, Papa Bear. The defence immediately tore into Papa Bear's story.

The prosecution tried to verify the charges with Mr. Bear who told the Jury what he witnessed on that fateful day.

Next, Baby Bear took to the stand. Baby Bear backed up the charges, claiming Goldilocks ate all the porridge and found Goldilocks asleep in her bed. Baby Bear expressed her the fear she felt when she came home to find a stranger in her bed. The defence tried to debunk the breaking and entering charges as the door to the Bear Family home was unlocked when Goldilocks entered.

Mama Bear was next to testify before the Jury. The prosecution questioned whether Goldilocks did in fact enter the house after the Bears left. Mama Bear admitted it was possible that Goldilocks was in the house before they left. Mrs. Bear went on to convey the worry, confusion, and hunger that she and her family endured after the traumatising event.

Finally, Goldilocks took to the stand. She clarified that she entered the house because she was hungry and unintentionally broke the chair as she claimed her feet are "made of titanium." After further questioning Goldilocks told the court that she lived five kilometres away from the location the three Bears home. She stated that she lived in a small corner of the city after previously stating that she was homeless.

The whole court was shocked as Goldilocks trapped herself in her own web of lies. The defence moved for a lighter sentence as Miss Locks has no previous offences, the charges were not serious, and Miss Locks is fifty-six years of age. The prosecution told the Jury Goldilocks said she was sorry for what she did though Goldilocks appeared amused by the accusations made by the three bears.

The Jury exited the room to decide their verdict.

The Jury returned with sombre expressions. The foreperson of the Jury announced that they found the defendant guilty on all counts. There appeared to be some disagreement amongst the Jury members. Judge Adam Franks sentenced Goldilocks to lifetime in a mental institute to help her to overcome her personality disorder. Goldilocks appeared excited by her sentence at the prospect of food and a roof over her head.

Mock Trial- Cast

Goldilocks- Oscar Smetick

Papa Bear – Sophie Maher

Mama Bear – Abbie Furlong

Baby Bear – Ella Mae Kennedy

Defence – Sophia Colclough

Prosecution – Ben Cullen

Judge – Adam Franks

Jury – Matthew Murphy (Foreperson), Cathal Coogan, J.J Byrne, Daniel Begley, Caolan Lynn, Michael Catt, Ryan O’Shea, Mikey Dunne, Holly Long, Lee Doherty, Katie Aylward, Ines Devora.

Guard – Ava Kinsella

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