

Criminal Law Practice Questions

1. Joan was the babysitter for Little Willie, a darling five-year old boy. Nancy was Joan's friend. Nancy and Joan were strolling in a park in Knoxville when they both saw Little Willie fall into a well. Enthralled with their conversation about animal rights, neither Nancy nor Joan did anything immediate to help Little Willie. When they heard a splash from the well, Nancy said to Joan that, given the paucity of rainfall in the area, there was only a small chance - not more than ten percent - that the child would drown unless rescued quickly. After forty-five minutes, they called the fire department, the police, and an ambulance for assistance. By then it was too late: Little Willie had drowned to death. Tennessee law applies. What charges, if any, can be filed under Tennessee law?

2. Syd Viscous was drinking at the local bar in Knoxville with his friend Mark Nopfler. Seated next to them was an off duty, undercover TBI (Tennessee Bureau of Investigation) agent named Jon Hyatt. Viscous did not know Hyatt. Viscous said, "I hate politicians. They are all corrupt. I would blow the City-County Building to smithereens if I could get away with it." Nopfler said, "I agree!" Hyatt chimed in, "I would be happy to it up if you will pay me \$1000.00." Hyatt said, "I'll pay you when I get my tax refund." Nopfler said, "I'll chip in \$100." Hyatt then said, "Deal. I'll do it then." The three shook hands and shared a round of shots.

Then Hyatt arrested Viscous. What charges, if any, can be filed under Tennessee law?