**CASE 3: PROSECUTION**

**State of Minnesota v. Max Paulson: Facts of the Case**

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Ryan

On April 23 at approximately 7 p.m., an automobile driven by Max Paulson made a left turn from the northbound lane of Elm Street to Third Avenue, colliding in the crosswalk with a bicycle ridden by Sam Smith, throwing Sam Smith across the street, breaking his leg. Max Paulson is charged with violating Minn. Stat. 169.13 Reckless or Careless Driving.

**Issue: Did Max drive recklessly and cause the accident that injured Sam?**

**PROSECUTION**

Prosecutor(s):

Witness – Officer Mike Rudy (Police Officer on the Scene):

Witness – Sam Smith (Victim):

Witness – Eric Featherstone (Friend):

Read through the evidence provided in the form of witness statements. Below, record four important facts from each statement. Then think about who this fact would benefit – the prosecution, the defense, or neither. How could these facts be used by either side to support their arguments?

**Officer Mike Rudy (Police Officer)**

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**Sam Smith (Victim)**

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**Eric Featherstone (Friend)**

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**Max Paulson (Defendant)**

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**Sara Firestone (Bystander)**

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**Cynthia Murray (Expert)**

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