In a criminal case, James Lewis was charged with assault after an altercation at a local bar resulted in severe injuries to another patron, David Smith. The prosecution argued that Lewis had intentionally struck Smith after a heated argument, while Lewis contended that the altercation was in self-defense. The court needed to assess the evidence, including eyewitness testimonies and medical reports, to determine whether Lewis’s actions constituted criminal assault or were justified under self-defense claims.